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HAICHING PIRACY SEQUEL.

NOTE TO THE CANTON AUTHORITIES.

ONE HUNDRED MEN STILL IN CUSTODY.

"MYSTERY" EXPLAINED

There remains little to add to the graphic stories already related in the *Telegraph* of the attempted piracy of the s.s. Haiching and of the brilliant achievement of her officers in repulsing the attacks and bringing their ship safely to port, though an interesting disclosure is made by our Canton correspondent this morning in a message announcing that the British Consular authorities have addressed a Note to the Kwangtung Government regarding the affair. The contents of the Note have not been divulged.

The vessel, with all the visible signs of her experience, will be alongside the wharf this afternoon.

Khai Singh, the Indian guard, who was ruthlessly shot dead while he slept, is being buried this afternoon.

Arduous Task.

An impression of the heavy task that has been imposed on the police by the taking of the large number of passengers into custody, as was made necessary, was gained in conversation with various police officials at Headquarters this morning.

Mention has already been made of the fact that some 330 persons were taken off the Haiching as a precaution that none might escape who had taken part in the attempted piracy, and afterwards resumed the role of passengers.

Individual interrogation is a task that, conceivably, may occupy a number of days, after which those of the number "definitely suspected" will be paraded for identification by the officers, crew or passengers.

Two Hundred Released.

Police Headquarters presented a busy scene this morning as the process of individual interrogation proceeded. Batches of men who, from their listless appearance, could not be other than the passengers of the Haiching, were seen awaiting their turn, escorted by police officers who showed the marks of many hours spent without sleep.

It is learned that of the 330 passengers originally in custody, some 220, or roughly two-thirds, have been released these including 36 women and 28 children together with the men-folk accompanying them.

This leaves over a hundred still in police hands, including eight "definite suspects."

Wounded Man Dying.

One of the wounded men now detained in Hospital is dying, it is officially stated. This man was wounded in the mouth and has relapsed into unconsciousness, remaining in that state throughout last night.

Whether he is one of those classed in the category of "suspects" is not revealed, the police authorities choosing to make no statement one way or the other until they have satisfied themselves by further investigation.

Embargo Explained.

In conversation with a *Telegraph* representative this morning, the Hon. Mr. E. D. C. Wolfe, Captain Superintendent of Police, explained why the authorities placed an embargo on Pressmen and others not connected either with the police, naval or shipping interests going aboard the Haiching. He stated that it was impossible for the police to allow any person on board until they had made their investigations, and in view of the fact that the officers of the ship were dead tired after their gruelling experiences, the authorities decided to take no

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PHIL SCOTT WINS BIG FIGHT.

VON PORAT DISQUALIFIED ON A FOUL.

TITLE BOUT NEXT?

New York, Dec. 9.—The meeting of Phil Scott, the British heavyweight champion, and Otto von Porat, at Madison Square Garden to-night, marks the definite crisis in the career of the British boxer.

The winner will meet the victor of the Sharkey-Schmelling fight, for the world's championship. The bout between the "survivor" of these elimination contests will take place next year.

The betting for the Scott-von Porat contest is seven to five in favour of Scott, who turned the scales this afternoon at 204½ pounds. Otto von Porat, a comparative new-comer to the fight world, weighed in at 198½ pounds. The takings at Madison Square Garden to-night are expected to reach £16,000.

The referee will be Jack Dempsey, the former champion of the world, who is making his debut in that capacity.

Later, Phil Scott defeated von Porat in the second round, the German being disqualified for a foul.—*Reuters American Service.*

A TARIFF TRUCE CONVENTION?

MATTER TO BE DISCUSSED AT GENEVA.

London, Dec. 9.

It was stated in the House of Commons to-day that in accordance with the League Assembly resolution, the Economic Committee of the League had now drawn up a preliminary draft convention for the conclusion of a tariff truce.

This, said Mr. Arthur Henderson, is to be discussed at a preliminary conference of delegates, probably about the end of January.

The President of the Board of Trade, Mr. William Graham will represent the British Government.—*British Wireless.*

SOVIET PROPAGANDA PLEDGE.

CONSULTATION WITH THE DOMINIONS.

London, Dec. 9.

Mr. Henderson, replying to a question in the Commons, said the question of the exchange of guarantees against propaganda between the Governments in the Dominions and the Soviet Government was still the subject of negotiation between the Government in the United Kingdom, in consultation with the Governments in the Dominions, and the Soviet Government.—*British Wireless.*

AUSTRIAN CRISIS ENDED.

CONSTITUTIONAL QUESTION SETTLED.

London, Dec. 9.

Regarding the reported settlement of the crisis in Austria, Mr. Arthur Henderson, in the House of Commons, to-day, said he had no information beyond that which had appeared in the Press, but he welcomed the report that a satisfactory settlement of the Constitutional question had been reached.—*British Wireless.*

F.A. CUP REPLAYS.

ORIENT AND DONCASTER IN SECOND ROUND.

London, Dec. 9.

In the F.A. Cup re-play to-day, Clapton Orient defeated Polkington by four goals to one and will meet Northfleet at Clapton in the next round.

Doncaster Rovers defeated Shildon by three clear goals and will play at home to New Brighton in the second round.—*Reuter.*

THE RAGING GALE PERSISTS.

HURRICANE HAVOC IN THE CHANNEL.

MAGNIFICENT RESCUE WORK BY TUGMASTERS.

GLASGOW KIRK MISHAP.

For the fifth day in succession Southern England was today swept by terrific gales. Gusts of between 70 and 80 miles an hour were recorded inland, while in the western approaches to the English Channel, winds of hurricane force were still blowing this afternoon.

Further reports of damage to shipping have been received at Lloyd's. The British steamer, "Manchester Regiment" has sent a wireless message stating that it has taken on board 45 hands, the crew of the Glasgow steamer "Volumina," which was abandoned at noon to-day several hundred miles off the West Coast of Ireland. One life-boat was lost in the operations.

Splendid Work.

Several vessels, disabled owing to damage to their steering gear, summoned assistance from tugs at different points during the day, and splendid service during this storm of nearly a week has been done by a small cutter "London Pilot," which has not touched shore since Friday. This craft has been continuously cruising round Dungeness Point where many vessels have been in distress. She has repeatedly drawn alongside vessels in need of assistance during the past five days, and her work is highly praised by experienced seamen.

Even great ocean liners have gone to the assistance of vessels in distress in the English Channel. The British steamer, "Britannic," is being towed to Swansea by a trawler, which stood by for some hours before a cable could be passed owing to the gale.

Church Steeple Crashes.

Several fatal accidents due to the high winds occurred on land and three people suffered serious injury through the collapse of a church steeple in Glasgow during a severe thunderstorm.

Landslides and fallen trees have interrupted road and rail traffic in some areas.

The chief anxiety, however, is aroused by the swollen condition of rivers, which, in all parts of England, are in a state of flood.

In some localities, traffic has been disorganised in consequence, and the occupants of houses in the lowlying areas have had to vacate them.

Thames in Flood.

The position in the Thames Valley was referred to to-day by Lord Desborough at a meeting of the Thames Conservancy Board of which he is the chairman.

The total rainfall in the Valley in the last ten weeks almost equals the average fall for the six winter months.

Three hundred and twenty-five men are on special duty keeping the weirs free from obstructions. A further rise in the next two or three days is inevitable even if the rain ceases.

The prolonged drought of the summer enabled the River Thames to absorb the heavy rainfalls without flooding in November, but the December rains have brought floods.—*British Wireless.*

Liner Helpless.

London, Dec. 9. Reports reaching London from Germany, France and Holland reveal that the storm has created considerable havoc in these countries. Fifty steamers were unable to put to sea from Hamburg, while S.O.S. calls were received from numerous ships in the North Sea, including the liner "Lill Woermann" which was in acute distress.

Her rudder was carried away by a terrific sea, and when a Dutch tug came to her rescue, she was drifting helplessly on. (Continued on Page 14.)

COMING IMPERIAL CONFERENCE.

COMPETENT TO DISCUSS ALL TRADE ISSUES.

NO FOOD TAXATION.

London, Dec. 9.

In the House of Lords, Viscount Elibank asked whether the terms of reference for next year's Imperial Economic Conference had yet been settled, and whether they would permit the Conference to discuss freely and on business times all aspects of inter-imperial trade. He was anxious that the Conference should be able to discuss the question of Empire Free Trade.

Lord Melchett, supporting Viscount Elibank, said the Empire was not taking advantage of the fact that it controlled the larger proportion of the raw materials of the world. Some scheme ought to be considered by which members of the Empire unit could obtain preferential advantages over other countries in the use of those raw materials. By acting as one economic unit, there would be an enormous advantage in negotiating commercial treaties with other countries. The Colonial Secretary, Lord Passfield, said it was hoped to hold the Imperial Economic Conference at the same time as the Imperial Conference, in the autumn of 1930. It was not possible to give an indication of the agenda, because what would be discussed was just what the several members of the Conference wished to have discussed. No subject was precluded from discussion, but the agenda had not assumed any definite form.

It was open to any Government, said Lord Passfield, to propose any subjects relating to "immediately improving Imperial Trade." The Government had no intention of giving unsympathetic consideration to anything proposed as calculated to increase inter-imperial trade. The Government would have to negative, however, any proposal for levying taxes upon important foodstuffs that came into this country. The opinion of Ministers was that anything of that kind would not only be inimical to the standard of living of the country, but would entail a crushing Nemesis at any ensuing General Election.—*British Wireless.*

STEEL BAR EXPORT QUOTATIONS.

A CONTINENTAL AGREEMENT REACHED.

Brussels, Dec. 9.

A message from Charleroi states that French, Luxembourg, German and Belgian iron and steel representatives have confirmed an agreement for a uniform export quotation of steel bars, the minimum being 110/- F.O.B. Antwerp.

It is considered that this will conduce to the stabilisation and even the strengthening of prices.—*Reuter.*

STUDENTS RIOTING IN KOREA.

OVER 900 PLACED UNDER ARREST.

Tokyo, Dec. 10.

Over 900 Korean students have been arrested at Seoul, following student rioting necessitating the mobilisation of the entire Police Force of Seoul, according to despatches to vernacular newspapers.

The trouble is an outcome of long-standing quarrels between Japanese and Korean students of Middle Schools.—*Reuter.*

U.S. REDISCOUNT RATES.

FIFTH BANK TO MAKE REDUCTION.

Washington, Dec. 9.

The Reserve Bank at Atlanta has lowered its rediscount rate to 4½ per cent.

This is the fifth Federal Reserve Bank to lower its rate, the others being New York, Boston, Chicago and San Francisco.—*Reuter's American Service.*

AMERICAN NAVAL STRENGTH.

EIGHTY SUBMARINES IN COMMISSION.

ANNUAL REPORT TO THE PRESIDENT.

NO CHINA REQUESTS.

Washington, Dec. 9.

No reference to the London Naval Conference or to the orders stopping cruiser construction pending the conference is made in the annual report of the Navy Department submitted by Mr. Adams to President Hoover to-day.

The Report announces, however, that the United States has discontinued the practice of maintaining a naval force in European waters.

It states that the operation of the naval forces of the United States during the year was based on 84,000 enlisted men, of which 10,771 were employed in the aviation arm.

An increase in personnel of five hundred men is authorised for the current year.

Strength of Active Fleet.

Vessels maintained in full commission with the forces afloat comprised:

Sixteen battleships.
Two battle-cruisers.
Thirteen light cruisers.
Three aircraft-carriers.
103 destroyers.
Eighty submarines.

The air forces attached to the Navy are very strong. The report stated that this branch was increased during the year to 281 aircraft of all kinds.

The modernisation of the battleships "Oklahoma" and "Nevada" cost \$13,600,000.

Ten Battleships Modernised.

The battleships "Arizona" and "Pennsylvania" were now being modernised at a cost of \$14,800,000 and their reconstruction will be completed by March 1st, 1931, when the modernisation of ten out of the thirteen pre-Jutland battleships in service will have been completed.

The modernisation of the remaining three, the "New Mexico," "Mississippi" and "Idaho" is recommended by the Navy Department, but this work has not yet been authorised by Congress.

All of the eight light-cruisers authorised by Congress in December 1924 will have been completed by March, 1931.

The Report adds that contracts have been awarded for the construction of five of the fifteen light-cruisers authorised in February last.

Parity Sought.

The Navy Department recommends immediate steps to provide for parity in aircraft-carrier tonnage as laid down in the Washington Treaty. The Navy Budget for next year provides for the construction of a new aircraft-carrier if Congress approves.

Mr. Adams concludes by dwelling upon the efficiency of the aviation arm of the Fleet. He says that it is believed that the cruisers now being constructed and authorised will be at least equal in offensive and defensive armament to any foreign vessels of the same type.

Forces in China.

Later, Mr. Adams, the Navy Secretary, was interviewed to-day on the subject of the crisis in China.

He issued a statement to the effect that no additional naval forces had been requested owing to the disturbed conditions in Nanking, and South China, and unless a special request was received none would be despatched.—*Reuter's American Service.*

THE WORLD COURT.

UNITED STATES NOW A MEMBER.

Geneva, Dec. 9.

The United States has signed the Protocol adhering to the Court of International Justice.—*Reuter.*

THURTLIE BREAKS WITH I.L.P.

GROTESQUE CONCEPTION OF DEMOCRACY.

LOYALTY TO PARTY.

London, Dec. 9.

Mr. E. Thurtle, the Labour M.P. for Shoreditch, one of the keenest debaters of the Party, has resigned his membership of the Independent Labour Party.

He states that he has taken this action because the Council of the I.L.P. endorsed the action of Mr. Maxton, the extreme Leftist, and other members, in voting against the Government on the Unemployment Insurance Bill.

Mr. Thurtle in a letter to the Secretary of the organisation denounces "the grotesque conception of democracy" which makes loyalty to the I.L.P. and not to the larger body of which it is a part, the supreme test of political virtue.

It is notable that practically all the leading members of the Government have severed their connexion with the I.L.P. in recent years.

Mr. Thurtle has been Member for Shoreditch for six years, entering the Commons for the first time in 1923, after unsuccessfully contesting Bethnal Green in a provincial election. He was Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Pensions during the first Labour Administration.—*Reuter.*

THE LATEST TENNIS PROPOSAL.

TOURNAMENTS FOR PRO'S AND AMATEURS.

London, Dec. 9.

A proposal that lawn tennis should be developed more on the lines of golf, with tournaments open equally to professionals and amateurs, received the blessing of the Lawn Tennis Association at its annual meeting to-day, the idea being approved by 242 votes to 67.

The proposal will now go to the International Federation's meeting in March, where it has every chance of success, as America has already promised to support Britain's proposal, which limits such tournaments to one annually.—*Reuter.*

FINANCIAL EDITOR'S DEATH.

PASSING OF MR. WILLIAM P. HAMILTON.

New York, Dec. 9.

The death is announced of Mr. William Peter Hamilton, editor of the *Wall Street Journal* since 1908.

—*Reuter's American Service.* (This late Mr. Hamilton, who was born in England in 1867, began newspaper work in 1890, and was for a time on the staff of the *Pall Mall Gazette* under William T. Stead. He travelled as a correspondent in the principal cities of the world and in 1893-94 he was war correspondent in Matabele. He went to the United States in 1899. He was regarded as an authority on financial and economic problems.)

THE THANK-OFFERING FUND CLOSES.

LARGE SUM FOR HOSPITALS AND RADIUM.

London, Dec. 9.

The Thank-Offering Fund for the King's Recovery has been closed with receipts totalling £689,597, including the sum of one hundred thousand guineas from "Audax."

The money goes to various hospitals and for the purchase of radium through the National Radium Fund.—*Reuter.*

BOXING CHALLENGE.

CREIGHTON WILLING TO MEET EWIN.

"Jock" Creighton, the welter-weight champion of the Colony, having seen a challenge in the *S. C. M. Post* this morning by A. B. Ewin, of H.M.S. Kent, offering to fight Creighton for the middle-weight championship, informs us this morning through Mr. Brook, the manager of the H.K.B.A. of his willingness to fight Ewin "if he weighs 140 lbs."

NANKING FACING A CRISIS.

SHANGHAI SITUATION ALSO TENSE.

THREATENED ATTACK FROM REGION OF PENGPU.

BRITISH PRECAUTION.

Shanghai, Dec. 9.

The sudden revolt of troops in different parts of the country is causing the gravest concern to the Government at Nanking and to the foreign authorities. Marshal Chiang Kai-shek is now taking every possible step to meet the threatened attack on the Capital from Pengpu and fighting on the Tientsin-Pukow Railway may be expected shortly.

There are rumours that Chiang Kai-shek contemplates resignation, but these can be discounted.

Little is known regarding the whereabouts of the rebel troops who cut the Nanking-Shanghai Railway, but their active co-operation with the movement begun by Tang Seng-chi, and Shih Yu-sun is not regarded as probable.

In Shanghai, the situation is tense, but the authorities in the native city appear to be in complete control, and no trouble is anticipated for the present.

Only Six Ladies Left.

The majority of British and American women and children were withdrawn from Nanking yesterday, leaving for Shanghai on board the Butterfield and Swire, s.s. Shengking.

Only two British ladies and four American ladies remain in the capital and these will leave tomorrow (Tuesday).

The fact of these withdrawals is taken in Shanghai to stress the seriousness with which the foreign consular officials in Nanking view the situation.

It is reported on most reliable information that only about four hundred Government troops remain in Nanking. The situation there is quiet at present, however.

This conflicts with *Reuter's* report that fifty thousand loyal troops are defending Nanking, but it is possible that these have crossed the river to meet the threatened attack down the Tientsin-Pukow line by rebel troops under Shih Yu-sun.

Foreign Forces Sufficient.

Shanghai, Dec. 10.

More refugees are arriving here from Nanking.

H.M.S. *Barwick* has arrived from Hongkong, but is remaining here for the present.

Reports from Nanking continue to indicate that Marshal Chiang Kai-shek is concentrating on the defence of Nanking and Shanghai, and is withdrawing all available troops from the West and South for that purpose.

Barring military defections in Nanking itself, there should be no difficulty in holding the city indefinitely.

All is quiet on the surface in Shanghai.

Foreign military men consider that the foreign force is sufficient to deal with such trouble as can be anticipated in the immediate future. However, arrangements have been completed for rapidly strengthening the military and naval forces, as well as the defences of the International and French Settlements, should this become necessary.—*Reuter.*

Anxiety in England.

London, Dec. 9.

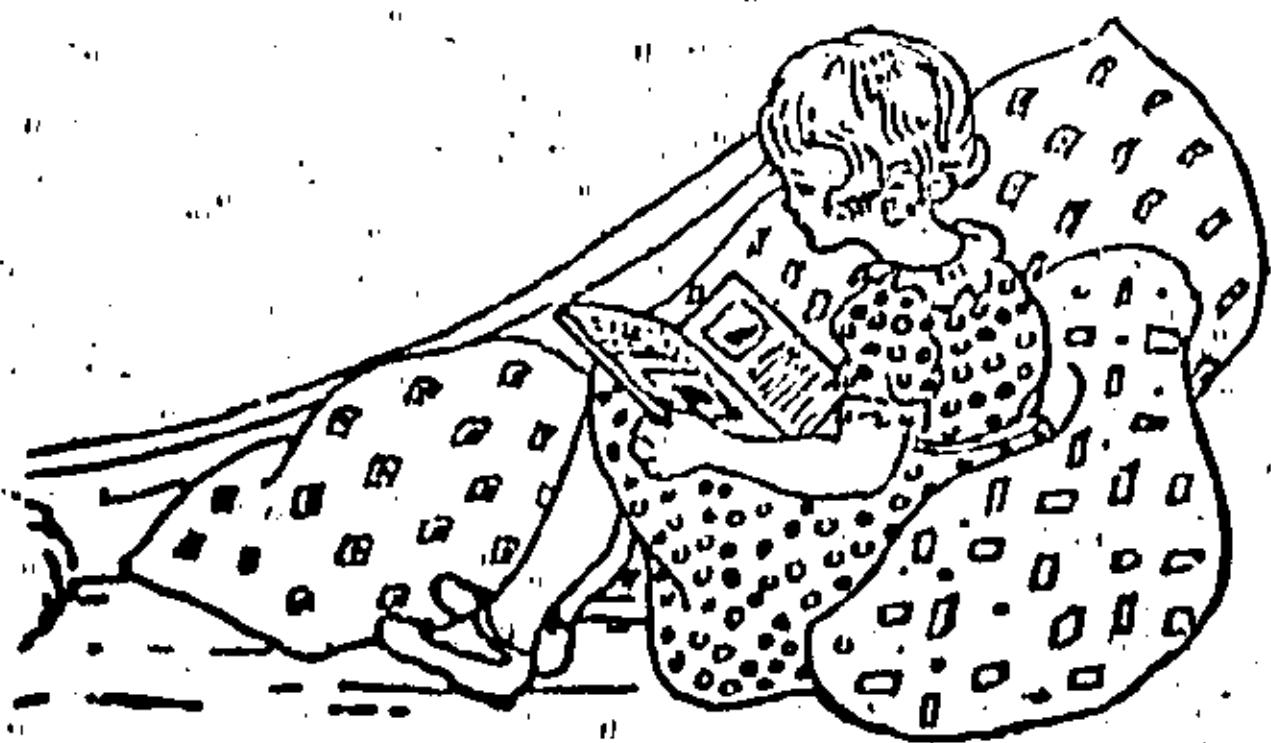
The disturbed situation in China was the subject of a statement in the House of Commons by the Foreign Secretary, Mr. Arthur Henderson, to-day.

Following on the sending of troops at Pukow, opposite Nanking, he said, President Chiang Kai-shek disarmed the guards left in Nanking by certain Generals, of whose loyalty he was doubtful, and arrested

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London Bridge is Falling Down
The Farmer in the Dell
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Water, Water, Wild Flower...
Round and Round the Valley

No. 4—The "Lullaby" Book

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The Bandman... Slumber Boat
Go to Sleep, My Little Pickaninny... The Dream Man
Sweet and Low... Dell Song
Lullaby (Emine)
Birdies Lullaby

No. 5—The "Medley" Book

Hey, Diddle Diddle... Goosey Gander... Little Miss Muffet... Alphabet Song... See Saw... Hot Cross Buns... To Bed, to Bed, to Bed... Bean Porridge Hot... Little Jack Horner... There Was a Crooked Man... Little Tommy Tucker... Georgie Porgie... Three Blind Mice... Higglety, Pigglety... Lavender's Blue... Betsy Horse... Humpty Dumpty... Mistress Mary... Pop! Goes the Weasel... Baby Bunting... Ding Dong Doll... Diddle Diddle Dumpling... To Babyland... Dickory, Dickory Dock... Little Boy Blue... Fiddle Dee Dee... Put a Cake... Polly Put the Kettle On... Baa! Baa! Black Sheep... Bobby Shafto... Ride a Cock Horse... Pussy Cat, Pussy Cat

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HAICHING PIRACY VICTIM.

IMPRESSIVE FUNERAL AT HAPPY VALLEY.

In the waning light of evening yesterday, the Colony of Hongkong paid its last tributes to Kingsley Frank Woodward, the gallant third officer of the s.s. Haiching who lost his life protecting his ship.

The late Mr. Woodward was buried with full naval honours, and the ceremony at the graveside was attended by the leaders of the naval, military and civil life of the Colony. It was probably one of the biggest funerals Hongkong has ever seen, and showed how deeply the brutal slaying and the courage of the dead officer and his colleagues of the Haiching has affected the whole of the European population.

Thousands of people stood respectfully by the roadside as the big cortege passed on its way to Happy Valley cemetery, reverently bearing their heads as the gun carriage draped with the Union Jack passed.

Punctually at 4.30 p.m., the big party of mourners who were to follow the late Mr. Woodward to his grave on the heights of Happy Valley fell in in the compound of the Navy Yard.

To the left were drawn up sailors from all the units of the fleet at present in harbour, precedence being taken by the vessels who took part in Sunday's memorable events. Behind the sailors, officers attached to the anti-piracy section stood in full dress uniform, cocked hats and swords. Opposite this party and to the left of the naval units were the mourners representing the merchant service, and personal friends of the dead officer. The entrance was flanked by the Royal Marine Band from H.M.S. Kent, and a firing party from H.M.S. Sepoy fell in immediately behind the bandsmen.

At a brisk order from the officer in command of the firing party, the gun carriage containing the coffin, draped with the folds of the Union Jack, was brought forward by a party of bluejackets. The band then struck up the imposing strains of the Dead March in Saul, and the long cortege commenced the march to Happy Valley Cemetery.

The Procession.

Following the coffin were the chief mourners, the officers of the ill-fated Haiching. Captain Farrar, Mr. F. C. Duxon, Chief Engineer, Mr. E. Kewell, Second Engineer, Mr. A. de Mello, third engineer, and Mr. Chung Yan-tak, wireless operator, comprised this party. The Chief Officer, Mr. R. Perry is, of course, at present in hospital suffering from a wound received in the battle.

Behind the Haiching's officers came representatives of shipping firms, merchant vessels, and Hongkong business houses, naval officers, naval units and police representatives.

On arrival at the cemetery gates the cortege was met by H.E. Major General J. W. Sandilands, his A.D.C., Captain D. Cameron, Commodore R. A. S. Hill and senior naval officers. The clergy conducting the service were the Rev. G. T. Waldegrave, and the Rev. J. C. Waters R.N., Chaplain to the Flagship, China Squadron.

At the Graveside.

The grave which was selected as the last resting place of the late Mr. Woodward stands on the top-most tier at Happy Valley. On arrival at the gates the coffin was lifted from the gun carriage by naval men, and preceded by the clergy the procession wound up the long hill to where the grave stands on a commanding eminence.

The service at the graveside in the gathering dusk is one that will long be remembered by all who were present. Drawn up directly above the coffin were the uniformed officers of the merchant service, while opposite, and behind the clergy stood the firing party, still at attention in front of an officer with drawn sword. Further down and in the front rank,

U. S. RETAIL TRADE.

AN IMPROVEMENT SHOWN IN NOVEMBER.

Washington, Dec. 9.

Reports to the United States Chamber of Commerce show that the retail trade of the United States is improving, owing to holiday buying, the cold weather and increased confidence in the business outlook.

The November sales in retail drygoods stores are reported to be ahead of those of last year, while collections of outstanding accounts are slightly better. — *Reuters American Service.*

close to the coffin stood the officers of the Haiching, all of whom were visibly affected by the moving service.

Rev. Waters read from Revelations, Chapter 9, Verse 7 to the end of the chapter.

The Last Post.

As the clear words were intoned, tears gleamed in the eyes of some of the dead man's friends, and in those of others profoundly moved by the impressive service. When the last syllables had floated away on the quiet evening air, a word of command came from the officer of the firing party, and the sailors loaded and presented their rifles.

A volley rang out—a pause, and then the clear notes of the opening bars of the "Last Post," requiem of soldiers and sailors throughout generations, floated above the reverent throng. Twice the volley was repeated, interspersed with the bugle notes, and then a short silence fell at the graveside.

The most impressive incident in that notable service followed the strains of the "Last Post," when the firing party fixed bayonets, and presented arms. On the command the whole of the naval, military and uniformed merchant officers about the graveside stood at the salute for several minutes, until the command to order arms was given to the firing party.

Officer's Grief.

The mourner at the graveside most affected by the service was Mr. Johnston, second officer of the Haiching. It was obvious at the service that he was sadly upset, and it was stated that earlier in the afternoon he had temporarily to leave the procession owing to his grief becoming too much for him.

Among the notable attendance at the big funeral were:—The Colonial Secretary (Hon. Mr. W. T. Southern), H.E. Major General J. W. Sandilands, Commodore R. A. S. Hill, Captain F. G. Sillitoe, A.D.C. to H.E. the Governor, Hon. Mr. W. E. L. Shenton, Mr. P. P. J. Wodehouse, C.I.E., Superintendent H.K.P., officers representing the China Coast Officers' Guild, the Douglas Steamship Company, the Indo-China Steam Navigation Company, Mr. R. M. Dyer, and officials of the Hongkong and Whampoa Dock Company, Mr. S. T. Williamson, and officials of the Douglas Steamship Company and representatives of many business houses, institutions, clubs etc., in the Colony. No better indication of the large attendance, and of the deep feeling of the Colony is to be had than the long list of wreaths given below:

The Wreaths.

In memory of a gallant Officer, from O. H. Farrar, Master, s.s. Haiching.

Captain and Officers, H.M.S. Kent; Captain and Officers of H.M.S. Cornwall; Officers and men of H.M.S. Sterling; Ship's Company, H.M.S. Cornwall; Officers and Ship's Company, H.M.S. Thracian; Captain, Officers and Ship's Company, H.M.S. Petersfield; Ship's Company, H.M.S. Sirdar; Captain, Officers and Ship's Company, H.M.S. Sepoy.

Commander and Navigation Officers, R.N.; Officers of the Harbour Department; the Marine Engineers Guild of China; Captain and Officers, s.s. Sai On; Engineer Officers, s.s. Huiyang; Captain,

SHANGHAI STATUS.

NOVEL SCHEME BY AN ENGINEER.

Shanghai, Dec. 9.

Chinese circles are incensed at a scheme which has been formulated by a Mr. Morrison, who is a local engineer, to lease Shanghai and the adjacent territory to an international body for 99 years in consideration for the payment of five hundred million taels, thus wiping out China's national indebtedness, increasing land values and raising Shanghai to the status of a world metropolis.

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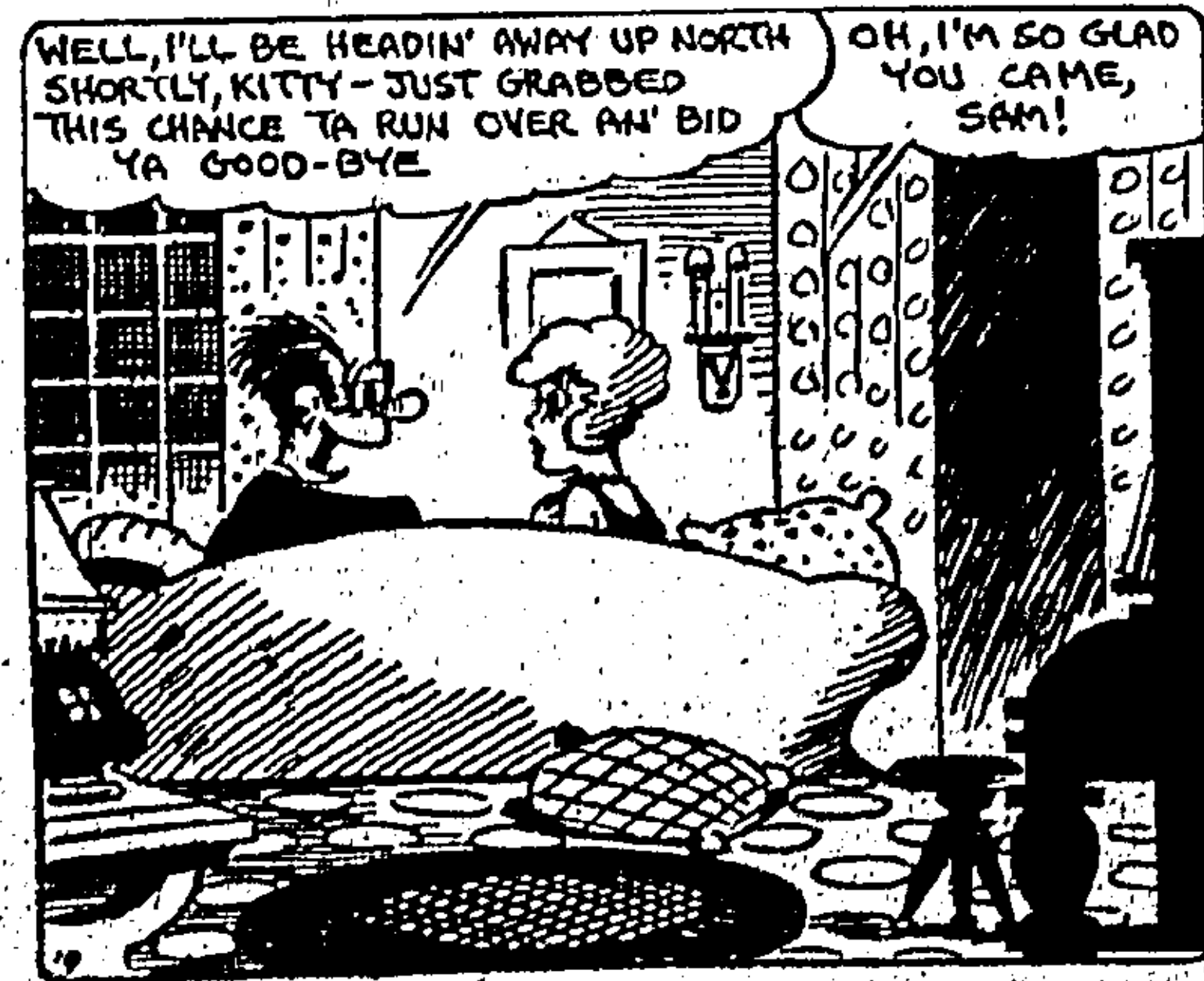
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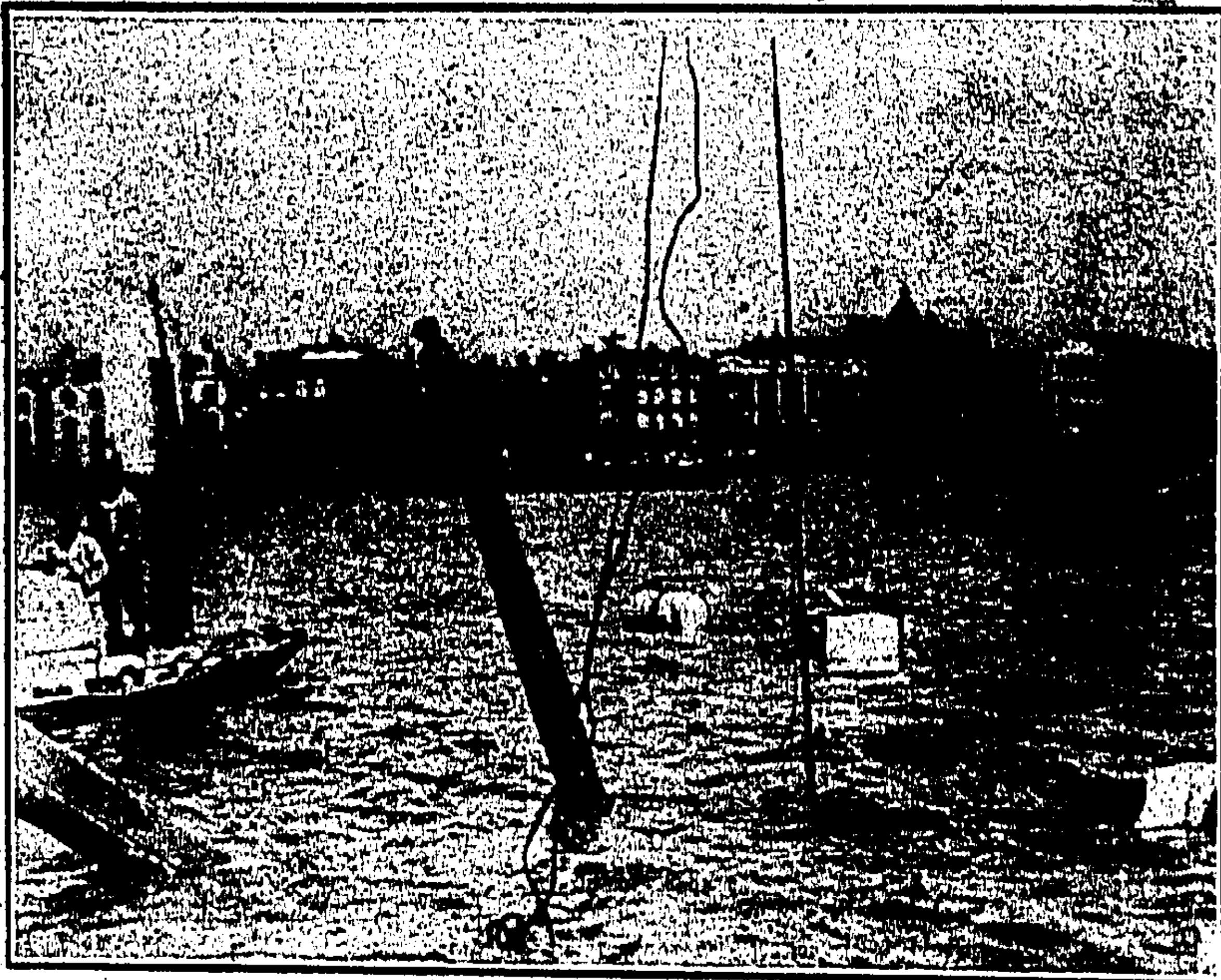


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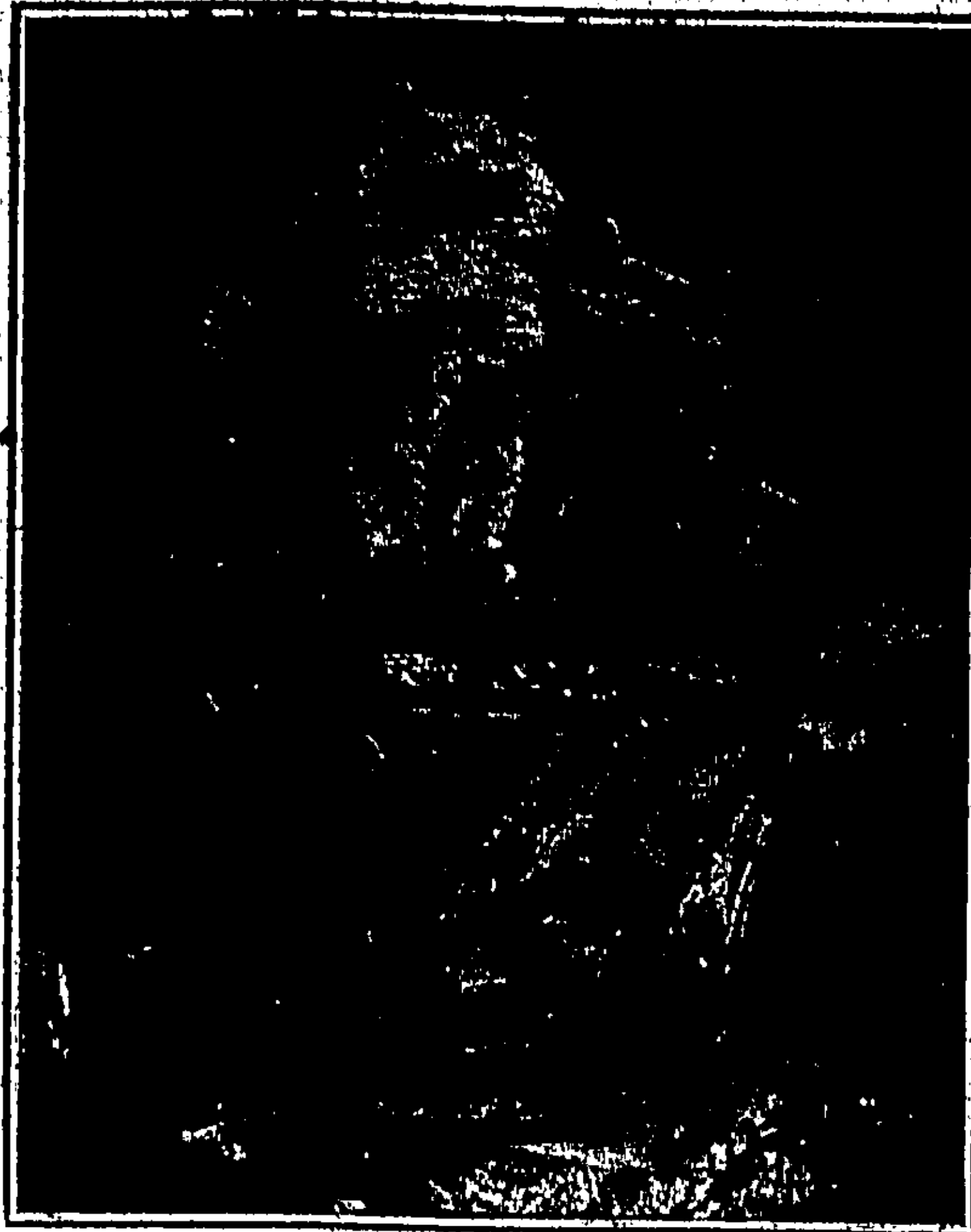


Sam Oughta Know!

By Small



The top end of one of the masts of the s.s., Yuen Lee, which sank in Shanghai harbour opposite the Garden Bridge six weeks ago following a collision with another steamer, can be seen emerging from the water when hoisted recently.



Though Persian kittens usually are not burdened with excessive ambition, these two apparently are interested in the higher things of life.



A pleasant scene in China on a sunny afternoon, a painting by Mr. B. Fraser, of Shanghai.



Mr. W. A. L. Pardoe, chief whip, and Mr. L. Amiani, who has recently returned to Shanghai from Italy, taken before a fine run with Shanghai Drag Hounds recently.



Shanghai Drag Hounds waiting at the opening meet of the season.



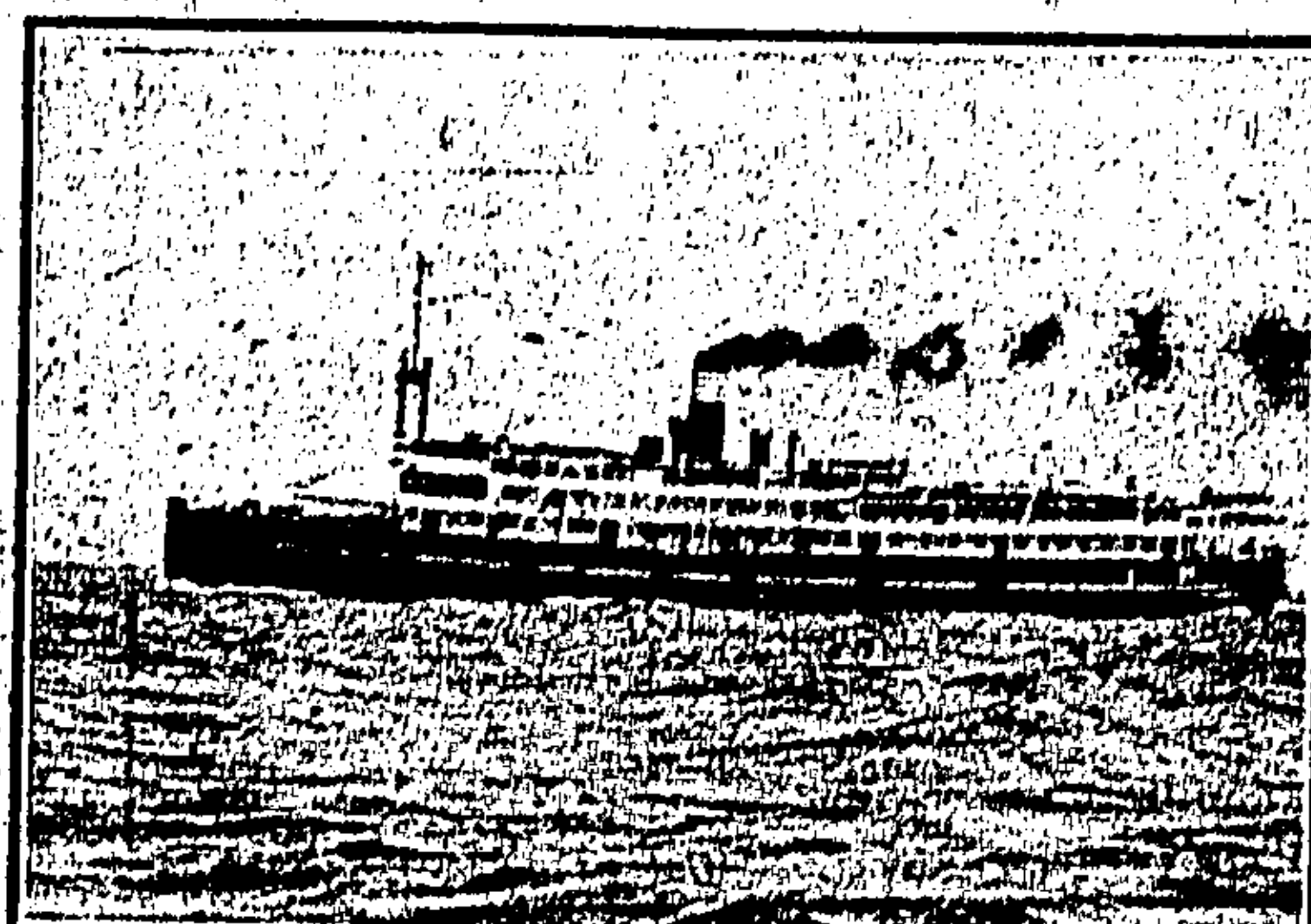
Group taken after the wedding in Shanghai of Mr. William John Baker and Miss Eleanor L. Pattison.



Perfection itself, Miss Audrey King in recent Shanghai theatricals.



A section of the trail in the first Shanghai draghunt this season brought followers to an oozy creek where the passage from one bank to the other could only be made in single file.



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MISCELLANEOUS.

M.C.L. Victoria Branch. Mrs. H. A. Taylor's raffle for one set of table mats has been won by ticket No. 43. (Miss Burnett).

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Banks.
Hongkong Bank, \$1335 a.
Chartered Bank, \$19 b.
Mercantile A. & B., \$304 n.
East Asia, \$95 b.

Insurance.
Canton Ins., \$695 n.
Union Ins., \$357 b.
North China Ins., Tls. 160 b.
Yangtze Ins., \$50 n.
China Underwriters, \$2 n.
China Fires, \$310 b.
H. K. Fire Ins., \$815 n.

Shipping.
Douglas, \$25 n.
H. K. Steamboats, \$264 b.
H. K. Tugs, \$2 a.
Indo-China, (Def.) \$70 n.
Union Waterboats, \$22 n.

Mining.
Bonguets, \$4.70 b.
Kailans, 53/- n.
Langkats, Tjs. 13.60 sa.
Shai Explorations, Tls. 1.30 n.
Raub, \$12 n.
Tronoh, 21/- b.

Docks, etc.
Kowloon Wharves, \$145 n.
Whampoa Docks, \$321 b.
China Provident, \$5.35 b.
Hongkwa, Tls. 190 n.
New Engineering, Tls. 7.50 n.
Shanghai Docks, Tls. 95 n.

Cottons.
Ewo Cottons, Tls. 14.50 n.
Orientals, Tls. 2.30 b.
Shai Cottons, Tls. 77 (old) b.
Lands, Hotels, etc.
H. and S. Hotels, \$11.10 s.
H. K. Lands, \$65 s.
Shai Lands, Tls. 161 n.
Humphreys, \$14.40 n.
Realities, \$7.90 b.
Chinese Estates, \$98 s.

Public Utilities.
Tramways, \$19. s.
Peak Trams, (old) \$11.75 n.
Star Ferries, \$691 n.
China Lights, (Old) \$16.40 s.
H. K. Electric, \$66 b.
Macao Electric, \$23 b.
Telephones, \$7.80 b.
China Buses, Tls. 151 b.
Singapore Traction, 10/- s.

Industrial.
China Sugars, '90 n.
Malabons, \$27 n.
Cald: Macg. Ord: Tls. 11 n.
Canton Ices, \$2.50 n.
Cements (Comb.) \$12.70 b.
Ropes (Old) \$8 s.
United Asbestos \$5 b.

Stores, etc.
Dairy Farms, \$204 n.
Watsons, \$12. s.
Dor A. Wings, '80 n.
Lan's Crawford, \$1.95 b.
Mackintosh, \$18 b.
Sinceros, \$12 n.

Miscellaneous.
Amusements, \$281 s.
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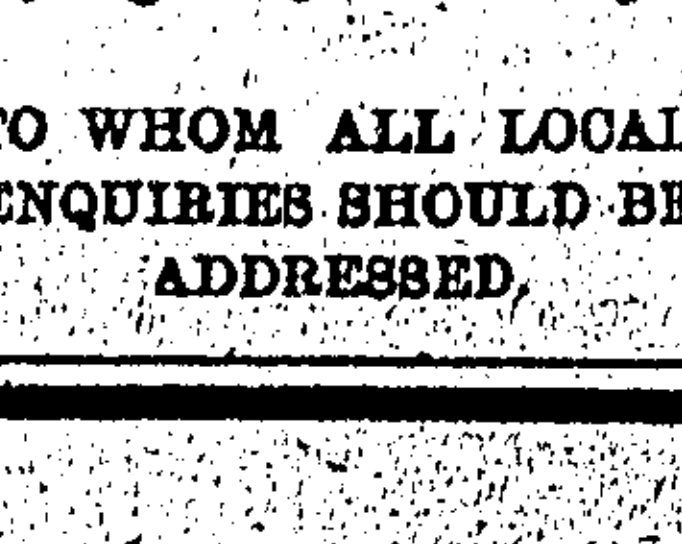
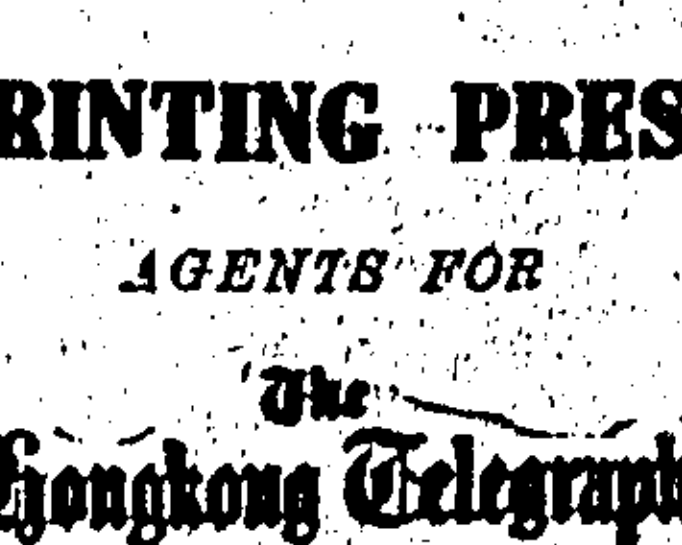
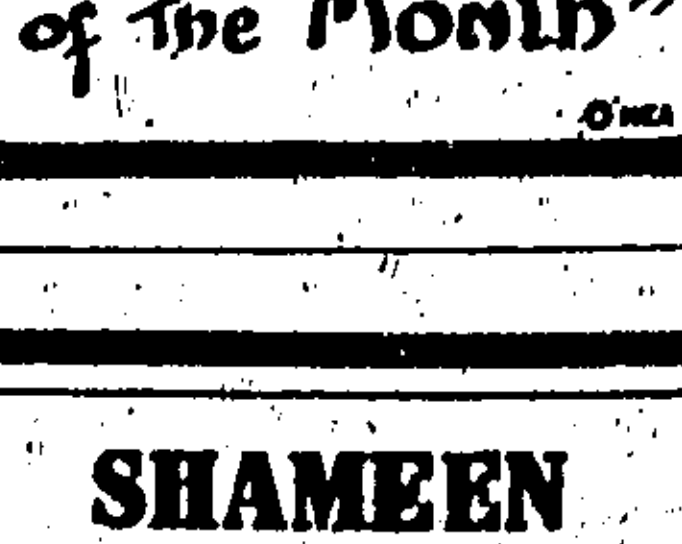
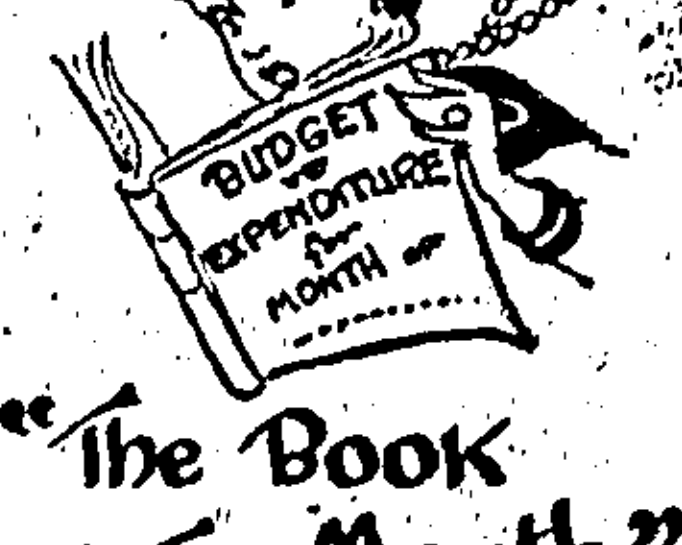
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INWARD MAILS.

From	Per	Date
Shanghai and Amoy	Chengtu	December 10.
Shanghai and Swatow	Szechow	December 10.
Australia and Manila	Changto	December 11.
London (parcels, 7th Nov.), and Straits	Antenor	December 12.
Japan	Sydney Maru	December 12.
Canada (Victoria B.C. 23rd Nov.)	Empi of Asia	December 12.
U.S.A., Japan and Shanghai	Joyoro	December 12.
Straits	Takliwa	December 12.
Amoy	Hakone Maru	December 13.
Japan and Shanghai	Dakar Maru	December 13.
Japan	Muroran Maru	December 14.
U.S.A. (San Francisco 15th Nov.), Honolulu, Japan and Shanghai	Pres. Hayes	December 14.
Europe via Negapatam (letters only, London 14th Nov.)	Hong Kheng	December 14.
Straits	Bingo Maru	December 15.
Europe via Negapatam (papers only, London 14th Nov.)	Suisang	December 15.
Manila	Emps. of Asia	December 16.
U.S.A. (San Francisco 20th Nov.), Honolulu, Japan and Shanghai	Taiyo Maru	December 16.
U.S.A. (San Francisco 22nd Nov.), Honolulu, Japan and Shanghai	Pres. Cleveland	December 16.
Japan and Shanghai	Malwa	December 20.

OUTWARD MAILS.

Registered and Parcel Mails are closed 15 minutes earlier than the time given below unless otherwise stated, and where mails are advertised to close at or before 9 a.m. registered and parcel mails are closed at 6 p.m. on the previous day.

For	Date and Time
Saigon	For Telemachus, Tues., Dec. 10, 3.30 p.m.
Japan, Honolulu, U.S.A., Canada, Central and South America and Europe via San Francisco	Asama Maru, Tues., Dec. 10, Registration, 4.15 p.m. Letters, 5 p.m. (Due San Francisco 3rd Jan. 1930.)
Shanghai and Europe via Siberia	Asama Maru, Tues., Dec. 10, Registration, 5 p.m. Letters, 6 p.m.
Haiphong and Wuchow via Haiphong	Promise, Tues., Dec. 10, 5 p.m.
Swatow	Taming, Tues., Dec. 10, 5 p.m.
Straits Rangoon and Calcutta	Pennang Maru, Tues., Dec. 10, 5 p.m.
Holhow	New Mathilde Wed., Dec. 11, 8.30 a.m.
Java via Batavia	Tijbadak, Wed., Dec. 11, 9.30 a.m.
Amoy	Liangchow, Wed., Dec. 11, 1.30 p.m.
Haiphong	Canton, Wed., Dec. 11, 2.30 p.m.
Europe via Siberia	Talamba, Wed., Dec. 11, Registration, 5 p.m. Letters, 6 p.m.
Shanghai	Achilles, Wed., Dec. 11, Registration, 5 p.m. Letters, 6 p.m.
Amoy and Japan	Talamba, Wed., Dec. 11, 5 p.m.
Holhow, Pakhoi, Haiphong and Wuchow via Haiphong	Monado Maru, Thurs., Dec. 12, 8.30 a.m.
Holhow and Bangkok	Chinhua, Thurs., Dec. 12, 9.30 a.m.
Shanghai	Taiyuan, Thurs., Dec. 12, 1.30 p.m.
Swatow, Amoy and Poochow	Hai Ning, Thurs., Dec. 12, 2 p.m.
Manila	Emps. of Asia, Thurs., Dec. 12, 3.30 p.m.

Manila, Australia, (except Thursday Island, Port Darwin and Cairns) and New Zealand via Brisbane	Sydney Maru, Thurs., Dec. 12, Registration, 4.15 p.m. Letters, 5 p.m. (Due Brisbane 27th Dec.)
Shanghai	Antenor, Fri., Dec. 13, 2.30 p.m.
Swatow	Hydrangon, Thurs., Dec. 12, 2.30 p.m.
Holhow, Pakhoi and Haiphong and Wuchow via Pakhoi	Chengtu, Sat., Dec. 14, 8.30 a.m.
Straits, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, East and South Africa, Aden, Egypt and Europe via Marseilles	Hakone Maru, Sat., Dec. 14, Registration, Dec. 13, 4.30 p.m. Letters, Dec. 14, 9 a.m.

Japan and Victoria B.C., and Europe via Siberia	Tencer, Sat., Dec. 14, Registration, 4.45 a.m. Letters, 5.10 a.m. (Due Victoria B.C. 8th Jan. 1930.)
Straits and Calcutta	Takliwa, Sat., Dec. 14, Registration, 1 p.m. Letters, 1 p.m.
Amoy	Anking, Sat., Dec. 14, 5 p.m.
Manila	Pres. Hayes, Sat., Dec. 14, 5 p.m.
Bangkok via Swatow	Kingyuan, Sun., Dec. 15, 9 a.m.
Swatow, Amoy and Formosa	Hozan Maru, Sun., Dec. 15, 9 a.m.
Poochow and Weihaiwei	Chip Shing, Mon., Dec. 16, 5 p.m.
Holhow	Kwangchow, Tues., Dec. 17, 9.30 a.m.
Manila, Australia and New Zealand via Thursday Island	Changto, Tues., Dec. 17, Registration, Dec. 16, 5 p.m. Letters, Dec. 17, 9.45 a.m. (Due Marseilles 17th January, 1930.)

Swatow, Amoy and Poochow	Haiyang, Tues., Dec. 17, 1 p.m.
Saigon, Straits, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, East and South Africa, Aden, Egypt and Europe via Marseilles	Athos II, Tues., Dec. 17, K.P.O. Registration, 1 p.m. Letters, 1 p.m.
	G.P.O. Registration, 1.45 p.m. Letters, 2.30 p.m. (Due Marseilles 17th January, 1930.)
Manila	Pres. Cleveland, Tues., Dec. 17, 4.30 p.m.

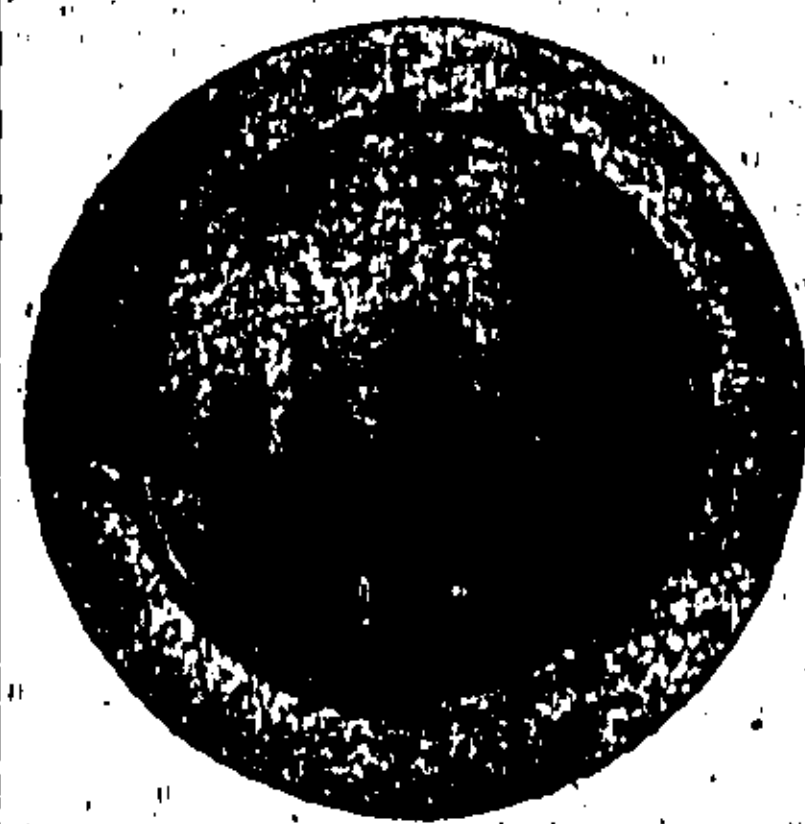
Japan	Registration, Dec. 17, 5 p.m.
Swatow <td>Kwai Sang, Tues., Dec. 17, 5 p.m.</td>	Kwai Sang, Tues., Dec. 17, 5 p.m.
Wei Hai Wei <td>Kueichow, Wed., Dec. 18, 8.30 a.m.</td>	Kueichow, Wed., Dec. 18, 8.30 a.m.
Shanghai, Japan, Canada, U.S.A., Central and South America and Europe via Vancouver B.C. and Europe via Siberia	Emps. of Asia, Wed., Dec. 18, Registration, Dec. 17, 5 p.m. Letters, 10 a.m. (Due Vancouver B.C. 4th Jan. 1930.)

Straits and Calcutta	Namsang, Wed., Dec. 18, Registration, 1 p.m. Letters, 1 p.m.
Straits, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, East and South Africa, Aden, Egypt and Europe via Marseilles	Malwa, Sat., Dec. 21, K.P.O. Registration, Dec. 20, 4.30 p.m. Letters, 5 a.m. (Due Marseilles 17th Jan. 1930.)
	G.P.O. Registration, Dec. 20, 5 p.m. Letters, Dec. 21, 9.45 a.m. (Due Marseilles 17th Jan. 1930.)
Poochow and Weihaiwei	Chong Shing, Sat., Dec. 21, 5 p.m.
Sandakan	Mansang, Fri., Dec. 27, 1.30 p.m.

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WOMAN'S WORLD

FOR OUR LADY READERS.

Fashion Notes.

THE CLOAK PROBLEM.

A dress is nothing without the right coat to go over it, whether for the day or the evening.

No woman with the right sense of modern clothes gets a dress without thinking of the coat with which it has to go.

There may have been a time when a woman could buy one coat for wearing with half-a-dozen frocks, but to-day, apart from the fur coat (and even then?), no coat can be worn with more than one or at most two dresses if it is to look right.

It is the ensemble idea which has given to the coat its primary importance.

Coats for the day are heavily trimmed with fur. Tweeds and jersey-tweeds have fur collars and cuffs, and sometimes the hem, all trimmed with fur. The collar is as voluminous as a cape, or is doubled to form a straight, deep band round the throat and have one long end to run down the front of the coat.

There are many ways of draping fur round the neck this season, all of them irregular, soft, and warm, as well as becoming.

About the hem, fur is laid on in scallops, in sweeping curves, in sections, in points, and always with an eye to line.

When cuffs are not worn, a muff may be carried.

Short-haired furs are mostly used for morning wear and for travelling—furs such as broadtail, astrakhan, wild cat, beaver, nutria, and skunk.

The more fragile furs are kept for afternoon and evening. Fur coats are cut on the same lines as tweed and cloth coats.



Spiral ruffles, and a scarf with a velvet lining, lift this dress into the top realm of fashion.



A smart evening ensemble consists of a white chiffon frock and a quaint little collarless black velvet jacket with white lapin cuffs.

In Beauty Parlours.

Eyebrows are high-arched this season. They are plucked or moulded to rather thick at the apex and tapering to fine points.

Many women are using tiny combs, about 1 1/2 in. long, to separate their eye-lashes after applying mastic with a moistened brush.

Massage treatments are given in dozens daily for tiny crowfeet round the eyes, caused by too much sun.

Nails are tinted vivid red except at the half-moons and at the tips, where they are "touched up" with a new white paste.

Evening Elaboration.

The simple lines of the coats for day wear are not repeated in evening cloaks. These are cut with no hems, since the edges of every coat are cut to fall into the draperies of the dress worn with it, and trail away with them wherever they go. This cut-about hem line has certainly solved the question of the wrap to be worn with the new long-trailing evening dresses. Some dressmakers have made shorter coats and draped them upwards to the front, but the uneven hem is better.

With a huge fur collar, a loose-fitting coat envelops the shoulders, and drops more or less whole and straight to below the hips. From there it may be a thing of shreds and tatters, dropping to the heels here, to the knees there, have a straight panel, or a pointed end, be curved or square.

Briefly, it is cut to follow the lines of the skirt, and mingles with them so cleverly that the two become one. This means that a cloak should be of the same colour as the dress, or form a striking contrast to it—black on white, white on black, something like that. To make a good cloak or coat, one which perfectly completes the dress and makes an ensemble which is satisfying to the eye and easy enough to wear without preoccupation, is to achieve a sartorial triumph, and there is only a small handful of dressmakers capable of doing so.

A minority of women of the world only can afford to indulge in them, but what the ordinary woman can do is to pay more attention than formerly to the choosing of the wrap she wears in the evening and the coats she wears by day, keeping in mind the best work she knows.

"Ladylike" Styles.

OLD FASHIONED MODES.

Nearly all the new fashions for the winter have now been shown in Paris. They have been received with mixed feelings by the crowds of smart women buyers from all countries and fashion writers who fill the dressmakers' salons each day.

Even the well-informed women who boast of their ability to tell you months ahead what will be worn, are not a little startled at the turn taken by fashion, for it has quietly slipped back ten years.

Everything that is old fashioned is new fashioned again. To begin with, it is said that skirts are going to be very much longer. Nobody cares very much for them, for most of them stop at the very unbecoming point between the knee and the ankle. There is also some dismay at the higher waists, and the blouses now generally seen with tailor-mades, in place of jumpers, for this means corsets again, and very few are the women who care to wear such instruments of torture.

Here are some examples of the old-fashioned modes:—White fur collars are put almost exclusively on coats of black and navy. Capes are to the fore. Much lace and much tulle for evening dresses; and even mittens are going to be worn next season!

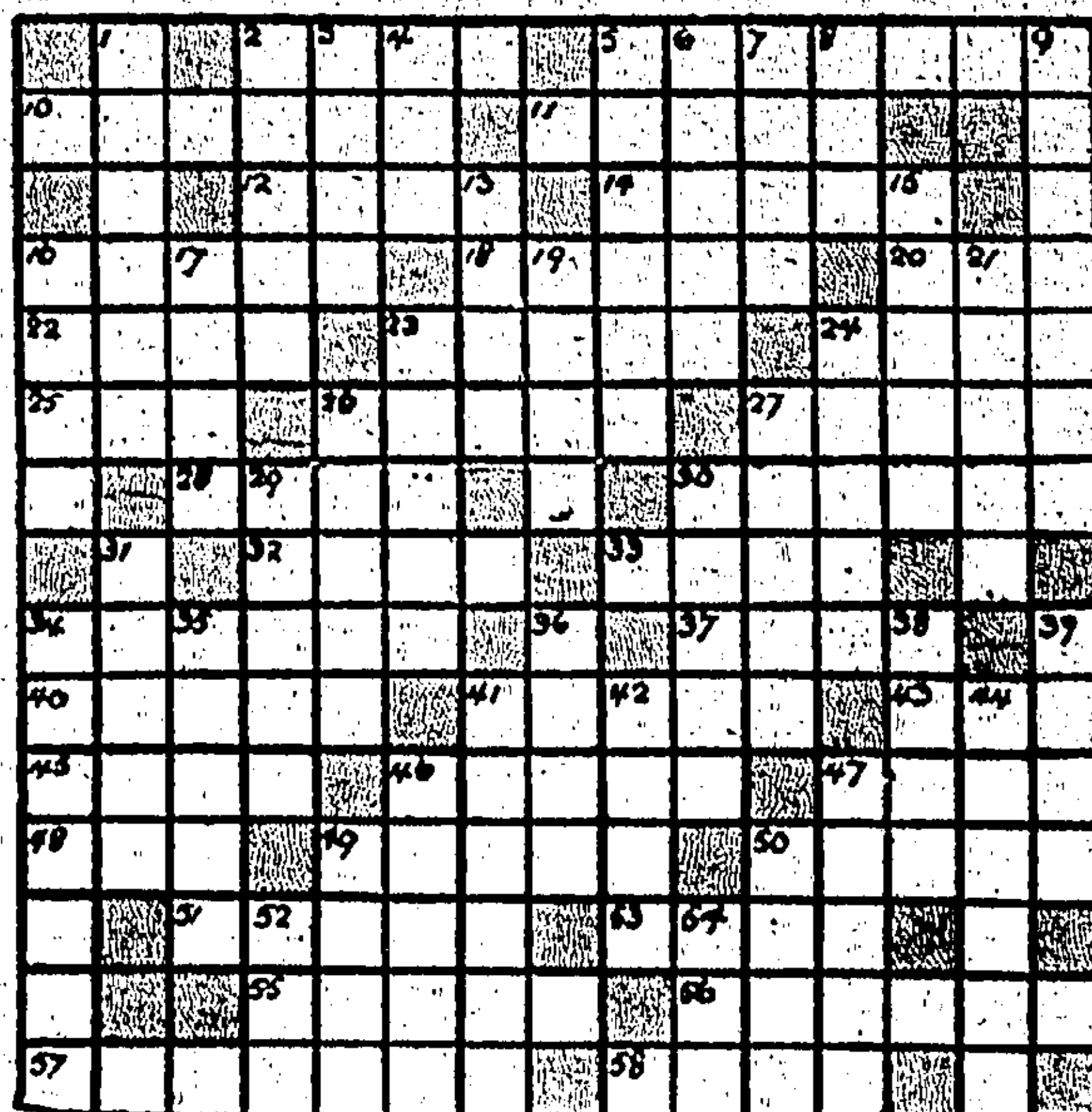
So anxious have the dressmakers been to get us away from the masculine mode that we love that the pendulum has swung a little too far to the other side.

But when lace mits for afternoon and evening wear are worn again, women begin to feel a little uneasy. Everyone wants to look feminine and alluring, but no woman is thrilled at the idea of looking "ladylike" only; and this is what some of the new styles are.



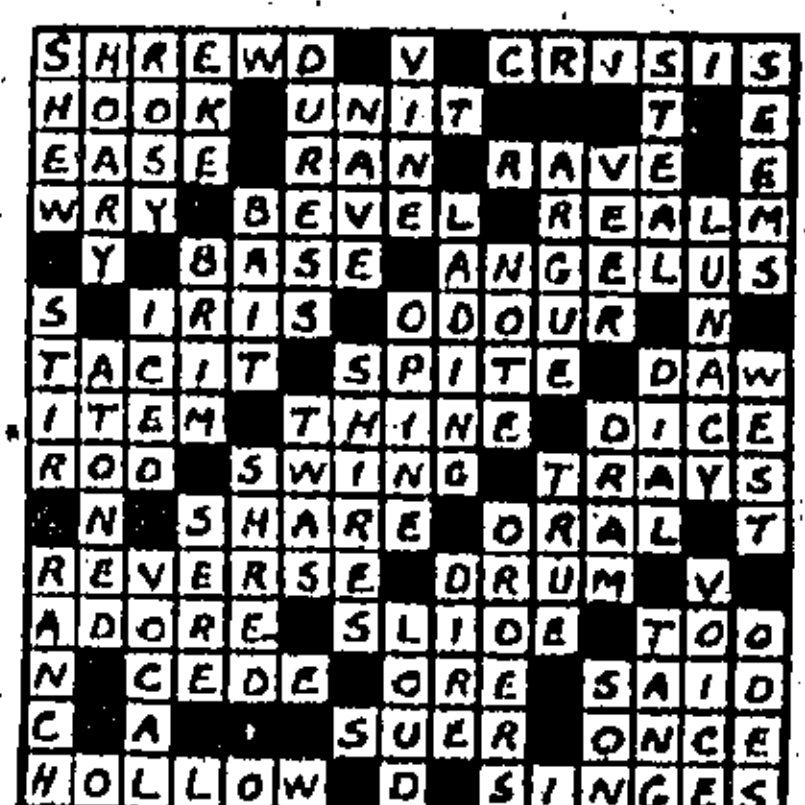
This dress is modernistic in feeling and puts faith in points.

OUR NEW BRITISH CROSSWORDS.



- Across
- 2 Enraptured.
 - 5 Barron.
 - 10 Cattle food.
 - 11 Snake.
 - 12 Sell.
 - 14 Filial reverence.
 - 16 Endures.
 - 18 Showers down.
 - 20 Congealed water.
 - 22 Alcoholic drinks.
 - 23 Person sanctified.
 - 24 Ecclesiastical dignitary.
 - 25 Yes.
 - 26 Fiction.
 - 27 Utter sonorous sounds.
 - 28 Soil.
 - 30 Taper.
 - 32 Island.
 - 33 Stud.
 - 34 Faded.
 - 37 Survey.
 - 40 Aged.
 - 41 Garments.
 - 43 To be due.
 - 46 Stab.
 - 47 Rotatory.
 - 47 In addition.
 - 48 Before.
 - 49 Commemorates a noteworthy event.
 - 50 One who wades.
 - 51 Clamour.
 - 52 Canter.
 - 53 Imbibe.
 - 56 Directs away from.
 - 57 Three-pronged fork.
 - 58 Influenced by fear.
- Down
- 1 Sermon.
 - 2 Talks enthusiastically.
 - 3 Erase.
 - 4 Writing instrument.
 - 5 Inattentive.
 - 6 Spoil.
 - 7 Gives sparingly.
 - 8 Steep flax in water.
 - 9 Coat.
 - 13 Dull.
 - 15 Submit.
 - 16 Canaanite deity.
 - 17 Action.
 - 19 Sickens.
 - 21 Tails.
 - 23 Black.
 - 24 Compact.
 - 26 Kind of match.
 - 27 Base.
 - 29 Division of a church.
 - 30 Conceal.
 - 31 Land belonging to a lord.
 - 34 Procession.
 - 35 Charming woman.
 - 36 Rooster.
 - 38 Forest.
 - 39 Gibe.
 - 41 Gnawing.
 - 42 Arrow.
 - 44 Garland.
 - 46 Exudes from pine trees.
 - 47 Matched.
 - 49 Mud.
 - 50 Worked with a loom.
 - 52 Fanciful.
 - 54 Bleak.

Yesterday's Solution.



AUCTION SALE.

LOW PRICES PAID FOR
CROWN LAND.

Two lots of Crown land at Kowloon, were yesterday put up for auction and sold at their upset prices.

Inland Lot No. 2,285, situated at the north of Kowloon Inland Lot No. 2,155, Sai Yeung Choi Street, was sold to Mr. Lau Shu-ting for \$2,009, while Mr. Tam Cheuk-fan bought Kowloon Inland Lot No. 2,286 at Prince Edward Road for \$4,050.

PROVISIONAL COURT.

OPENING OF CONFERENCE
AT NANKING.

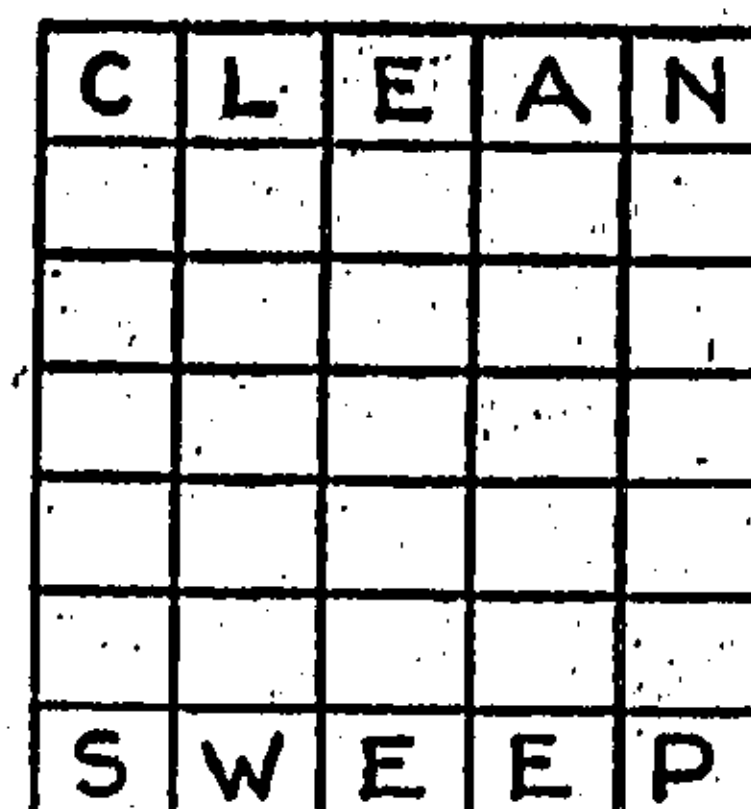
Nanking, Dec. 9.
The Shanghai Provisional Court conference opened at Nanking this morning, Britain, America, France, Brazil, the Netherlands and Norway being represented.

Dr. C. T. Wang, in his opening speech, said he hoped there would be a happy, speedy conclusion to the conference.

Mr. Aal replied on behalf of the Powers' delegates.—Reuter.

LETTER GOLF.

A new broom would be a handy club to have in your letter golf bag to make a CLEAN SWEEP of to-day's offering.

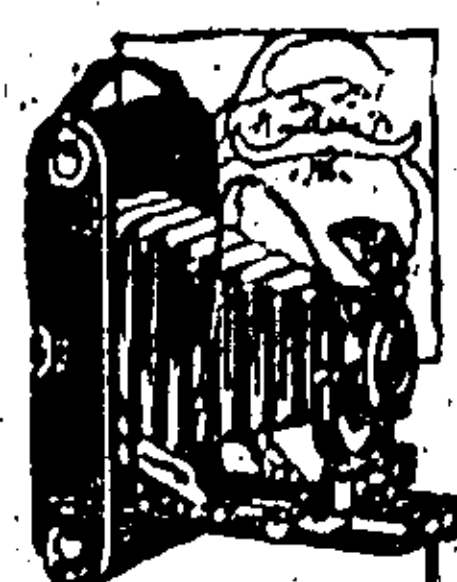


1.—The idea of letter golf is to change one word to another and do it in par, a given number of strokes. Thus to change COW to HEN, in three strokes, COW, HOW, HEW, HEN.
2.—You can change only one letter at a time.
3.—You must have a complete word, of common usage, for each jump. Slang words and abbreviations don't count.
4.—The order of letters cannot be changed.
One solution is printed on another page.

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THE HAICHING OUTRAGE.

There are two circumstances which stand out prominently in connexion with the piratical attack on the Douglas steamer Haiching. First and foremost is the very gallant stand of the ship's officers in the face of the dual peril created by the attempt to rush the bridge and by the setting fire to the ship. Secondly, is the gratifying knowledge that, thanks to the alertness of the British Navy, such of the pirates as escaped death are now in custody. Of the bravery and doggedness of the officers it is impossible to speak too highly. One has only to read the accounts of the outrage in order to realise the terrible plight in which they found themselves, but, through it all, they displayed that courage and resource which we have long since come to associate with the personnel of the British Mercantile Marine. Unhappily, one of the officers fell a victim to a pirate's bullet, another was wounded, whilst amongst those who also lost their lives was an Indian guard who was foully murdered in his sleep, to say nothing of many others who in one way or another met death as a consequence of the grim occurrence. Satisfaction at the frustration of the piratical designs is thus tinged by sorrow and regret.

That there were good grounds for the warning given some little time back to the effect that the Bias Bay ruffians were contemplating further outrages before Chinese New Year has now been amply proved. Few, however, expected that a Douglas boat would be their victim, for that Company has for a very long period enjoyed immunity from piratical attack. The Namoa affair, it is interesting to recall, occurred exactly thirty-nine years ago to-day. On that occasion, as in the case of the Haiching, one of the British officers lost his life, but although some of the pirates were eventually brought to justice, they at first managed to get away, taking with them very considerable booty. As we have remarked, one of the outstanding features of the Haiching outrage is that all its instigators

have been accounted for in one way or another. In this connexion, a word of praise is due to the Chinese wireless operator, who by the use of his emergency set was able to summon naval aid, a circumstance which undoubtedly prevented a catastrophe of even greater magnitude. Again and again in the troubled affairs of China, the British Navy has proved itself a ready help in time of need, doing work of real humanitarian value and saving many thousands of Chinese lives. In passing, the Hong Moh disaster of 1921 may be mentioned, in which the cruiser Carlisle, under Captain Evans, effected the rescue of close on three hundred Chinese passengers, under extremely hazardous circumstances. The point we wish to stress is that ships of the British Navy in Eastern waters are not the instruments of "Imperialism" as they are sometimes represented to be, but that they are ever ready to answer the call of distress, irrespective of the nationality of those who need their help. But for the prompt action of two British destroyers it is more than likely that the hundreds of Chinese who came through the Haiching disaster unscathed would not to-day have been alive to tell the tale. It is well that that fact should not be lost sight of.

By this time, the news of the outrage will have been flashed to all parts of the world. It must inevitably be received in Western countries with a feeling that it provides yet another illustration of the still prevailing disordered state of China. In the waters of no truly well-governed country would these constantly recurring piratical attacks be possible. The very fact that they occur is proof that, so far from China being able to protect foreigners, she cannot guarantee protection for her own people. So loose and uncertain is her authority that pirates are able to board sea-going vessels without detection, and, what is more, when their enterprises succeed, they experience no difficulty in getting rid of their loot in Chinese territory. Despite all that has been said and done, the Bias Bay gang still continues to be a menace to shipping, both foreign and Chinese. So long as that is the case, and so long as other bands of freebooters assault and brigandage ashore are able to carry on their terroristic methods, so long will China be open to the charge of inability to assure protection of life and property.

The China Crisis.

The latest revolt against the Chiang Kai-shek regime is as puzzling as it is serious, puzzling because foreigners, even those who profess to understand Chinese mentality, cannot visualise considerations which would permit Tang Seng-chi to fight Chiang's enemies to the bitter end and then himself to turn against his chief; and serious because the new blow seems likely to fall along the Yangtze Valley where large foreign interests may be involved. The measures taken by the British naval and military authorities reveal how gravely the situation is viewed in well-informed circles. H.M.S. Suffolk is in Nanking ready to give sanctuary to foreign residents, large numbers of whom have already left for Shanghai. H.M.S. Berwick has relieved Suffolk at Shanghai, itself a possible storm centre, and, we understand, H.M.S. Hermes is under orders to stand by. On their part, the military authorities have made preparations for the despatch of a battalion of troops at any moment to any region where the storm may break. The attack on the Lunghwa Arsenal at Shanghai, the cutting of the Shanghai-Nanking Railway at points within 25 miles of the international metropolis, indicate that the fears are far from ill-founded. Meanwhile, the new outbreak is a remarkable commentary on the duplicity of Chinese military leaders. Last year, information from a most reliable source, led us to publish a report naming certain military chiefs, including the Kwangsi Clique, Feng Yu-hsiang, Sun Liang-shing, Han Fu-chu and Tang Seng-chi as involved in a nation-wide conspiracy against the Nanking regime. Denials of the report came from many quarters. Yet, in turn, each of the factions mentioned has denounced Marshal Chiang Kai-shek and engaged him

DAY BY DAY.

IT IS WORTH REMEMBERING THAT "MERE ISOLATION" IS NOT INDEPENDENCE. SO FAR FROM BEING SO, IT IS REALLY DESTRUCTIVE OF TRUE INDEPENDENCE.—Phoebe Skerry.

The Anderson Music Co., Ltd., forward use a useful desk calendar.

Mr. William Dixon, Mrs. J. Walford Smith and Mrs. W. J. Stokes were amongst the passengers who arrived from Australia by the s.s. St. Albans to-day.

Arrested in Shamshui in possession of 12 tael of raw opium, a Chinese who appeared before Mr. W. Schofield at the Kowloon Magistracy this morning, was fined \$36 with the alternative of one month's hard labour in default.

Yesterday, about noon, five men gained entrance to No. 307, Queen's Road West, second floor, and after binding and gagging the inmates, mostly women and girls, the robbers ransacked the place making off with booty consisting of some jewellery and money, totalling about \$70.

A store keeper in Canton Road was fined \$10 by Mr. W. Schofield at the Kowloon Magistracy this morning for having 36 gallons of kerosene on his premises without a permit. It was stated that the defendant's licence had expired. The defendant intimated that he had already renewed the licence.

On a charge of trespassing on the Government Plantation at Shatin Gap, a Chinese, who stated that he was only passing through the forest, was fined \$10 by Mr. W. Schofield at the Kowloon Magistracy this morning. The defendant was alleged by the prosecution to have been snapping branches off trees.

Mr. R. R. Bruce, Lieutenant-Governor of British Columbia, announces the engagement of his niece, Miss Helen Mackenzie, to Mr. Julian I. Piggett, youngest son of the late Sir Francis Piggett (a former Chief Justice of Hongkong) and Lady Piggett, of the Isle of Wight. The marriage will take place next spring, probably in London.

Failing to appear to answer a charge of causing cruelty to eight chickens, a Chinese had his bail of \$10 estreated by Mr. W. Schofield at the Kowloon Magistracy this morning. A woman who was charged before his Worship with carrying four chickens in such a manner as to cause them unnecessary cruelty by overcrowding, was fined \$5.

Mr. E. C. Thomas, of the Diocesan Boys' School, gave an interesting lantern lecture at the St. Peter's Church Young Men's Club last night when he recounted his experiences on a journey through Yunnan to the Yangtze, which he recently undertook in the company of Mr. T. J. Price, of St. George's College. The party had a hazardous journey, during which they were stopped by bandits but fortunately not molested.

Mr. F. W. Carey, ex-Commissioner in the China Customs Service, is returning to the Far East in the interests of the Fairway Aviation Company, makers of military aircraft to the Government. Mr. Carey, who retired from the Customs Service last year, after more than thirty years' experience of all parts of China, left on the 9th November for Bangkok. He will eventually take up his headquarters at Shanghai. Messrs. H. E. Arnold and Co., of Shanghai, have just acquired one of the latest type of military aircraft, a Fairway III. F.

In war. Had they been faithful to the alleged pact a new Government would to-day be reigning in Nanking, but up to the present, Chiang Kai-shek has always been able to deal with them separately. Whether the history of the past months will repeat itself remains to be seen. The situation is fraught with the greatest difficulty for Nanking. The principal figures of the "pact" we have mentioned, are now linked against the Government, though the forces at their disposal have been much depleted. The Kwangsi Clique, have re-installed themselves in their native province and are attacking Canton. If the call from the North is answered by Ho Ying-ching and he retires with his troops, the doom of Canton may be sealed. Along the Yangtze, Chiang is being forced to meet rebellious troops at four or five different points. According to one source there is the chance of a compromise but if, as is probable, this would serve merely to put off the event, we could almost wish that the war-lords would get it over and have done with it for good or ill.

WAKING UP THE POST OFFICE.

GREAT IMPROVEMENTS ARE FORESHADOWED.

Great improvements in the telegraph and postal services are hoped for as a result of discussions at the G.P.O. between the technical staffs and the executive chiefs.

These have dealt mainly with recommendations of the Commission sent to America last year to inquire into the telegraph services there, which included:—

The use of the "speedier teleprinter" instead of "multiplex" working, wherever possible on home telegraphic routes, Keener supervision and a higher output.

Better equipped post offices, Better quality telegraph forms and envelopes.

Extension of the night telegraph letter service, and Introduction of special holiday forms for birthday, Christmas and other seasonal greetings.

To Popularise the 'Phone.

Efforts are also to be made to popularise the telephone.

The opposition of the staffs concerned is proving the chief obstacle to greater efficiency and reform.

The introduction of the American "teleprinter" will mean revolutionary changes in personnel and the postal workers argue that they have the right to voice their opinions.

The "teleprinter" will supersede the old system of transmitting the Morse code by a "tapping key," which is still in use at smaller post offices, and substitute a system by which the message is received in printed characters, as is already done in communications between the larger offices.

The authorities contend that technical matters and questions of higher policy are outside the province of the staff.

"The introduction of 'teleprinter' working," said a representative of the men to the Daily Chronicle, "will revolutionise training methods and may seriously affect recruiting for operators in the future. We feel that we ought to be allowed a voice in this matter."

The "teleprinter" method, a Post Office official explained, is already being tried experimentally. It would, he thought, replace the "multiplex" system, on all routes wherever possible, and where it would prove more economical.

Telegrams by Telephone.

"It aims at speedier service and if adopted, will be linked up with an extension of the system of actual delivery of the telegram by telephone to the house of the addressee," he added.

The system will be further speeded up by a reduction in the size of the supervising areas, thus providing for keener supervision and a higher output.

The "Brighter Post Office" movement will include structural alterations, modern decoration, greater comfort both for staff and public, and a sweeping away of obsolete fittings.

No reduction in the existing postal staffs is contemplated. A re-arrangement of staffs, however, will be made to meet traffic requirements.

This was the principle adopted when, with a decline in telegraphic work, a reduction in the staff of operators was found necessary. Operators were transferred to other departments, with the result that in various parts of the country trained operators are now working as sorters. The men affected receive the same rate of pay, but suffer in seniority.

EXCHANGE RATES.

London, Dec. 9.	
Paris	124.01
New York	4.87
Brussels	34.87
Geneva	25.12
Amsterdam	12.05
Milan	88.25
Berlin	20.38
Stockholm	18.05
Copenhagen	18.18
Oslo	18.20
Vienna	34.67
Prague	164.4
Helsingfors	15.7
Madrid	108.25
Lisbon	376
Athens	818
Bucharest	525/32
Bombay	46 7/32
Buenos Aires	1/5 20/32
Shanghai	2/24
Hong Kong	1/4
Yokohama	2/0 3/32
Silver (spot)	22 1/2
Silver (forward)	22 1/2

The forthcoming wedding is announced of Mr. Henry Harry Blyth, engineer, No. 11A, Shauiwan Road, Hongkong, to Miss Chum Chut-kung, No. 10A, Shauiwan Road.

The Very Idea!

The performance of an operation on a condemned man in Sing Sing Prison, New York, by distinguished surgeons in order that the patient might be well enough to attend his own execution later has a gruesome touch about it; but very much the same thing has been done in England.

In the case of Charles Peace, who was nursed back to life after he had been severely injured by jumping from a moving train, the prisoner, already convicted of attempted murder, had yet to stand his trial for the capital offence; but a prisoner is never allowed to "choke the gallows" if he can be prevented. Nevertheless, when it comes to an operation for a complaint for which the prisoner is not responsible some of us may think he should have a voice in the matter.

Midland Solicitor—How many people did you see in the house? Witness—Two; a woman and her dog.

Solicitor at Glasgow—This man has never been unemployed while he has been with his present employer.

Judge Thompson K.C., to a debtor at Bow County Court—What position are you in? Man—Equal encumbrance, a wife.

Woman at Willesden—While we were living together my husband had pounds in his pockets that he did not think I knew anything about.

(There is such a shortage of drinking water in Finland that many people are drinking beer instead.—Daily Paper.)

The heart, be it never so sleeky.

Must melt with compassion to think

Of the drought-ridden people of Ely

Without any water to drink.

Oh pity the Fenman accursed, he

Is suffering sadly, I fear—

Desirous of slaking his thirst he

Must slake it with nothing but beer.

So filled is my bosom with sorrow

I feel I must share in his plight.

I am leaving for Ely to-morrow—

In fact I am starting to-night.

Which really owns the picture—

The purchaser who cannot appreciate it, or the connoisseur who can appreciate it, but only keeps it in his mind?—Dean Inge.

Mediocrity in everything is becoming every day more and more completely the expression of humanity's ideal.—Mr. Compton Mackenzie.

After all, I am not the only pebble on the beach.—Mr. Bernard Shaw.

It is the hardest thing in the world for an artist to make a success of his marriage.—Mr. Hugh Walpole.

My experience is that people prefer public-houses to ruined castles.—Henry Payne (motor-coach driver).

WHO WAS....

MANON LESCAUT?

Lovely Manon Lescaut trod the primrose path, gay and unashamed, until she met the young Chevalier Des Grieux, and fell in love for the first time. He, for his part, was equally enamoured of the beautiful girl, and for her sacrificed his career and cut himself off from his family.

Pressing need of money drove the pair to desperate shifts. Des Grieux turned gamester, dishonest gamester moreover, while Manon kicked and cheated an elderly admirer. She was arrested, convicted and sent to a settlement in New Orleans, whither her faithful lover accompanied her.

The luckless pair now attempted to lead a respectable life, but fate was still unkind. The narrow-mindedness of the other settlers drove them out into the woods, where poor Manon died of starvation and exposure.

Her story would be unbearably sad and sordid, were it not for her utter constancy and devotion to the Chevalier, which ultimately purged her character of every base and ignoble thought. Stern moralists may say that her death was the wages of her sin. Others with more truth will see in her the love that bears out bravely even to the edge of doom.

It seems strange that "Manon Lescaut" should have been written by a Churchman; but such is the case. The author was the Abbe Antoine Prevost.

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SIR ROBERT HART'S WIDOW.**SMALL HONGKONG ESTATE IS DISCLOSED.****OTHER EUROPEAN WILLS.**

Dame Hester Jane Hart, widow of the late Sir Robert Hart, G.C.M.G., who died at the Imperial Hotel, Bournemouth, Hants, England, on April 20, last year, left local estate to the value of \$6,500 while the gross value of estate at home amounts to £42,778. Exemplification of re-sealing of probate has been granted to Mr. G. G. N. Thonon, of Messrs. Johnston, Stokes and Master, who is the attorney for testator's son, Sir Edgar Bruce Hart, No. 35, Praycott Place, London, who is the sole executor named in the will, which contains family bequests.

Re-sealing of testamentary of the estate of Mrs. Jennie Brown Hogg, or McLaren, widow, who left £18,600 in Hongkong and £5,514 in England, Scotland, and Canton, has been granted to the Hon. Mr. W. E. L. Shenton, of Messrs. Deacons, who is the attorney for the son, Mr. Joseph William Charles McLaren, timber merchant, of Grangemouth, Stirling, Scotland, at which place his mother died.

Deceased was the widow of the late Mr. Daniel Alexander, McLaren, a timber merchant, of Avondhu, Grangemouth.

Local estate worth \$1,100 and net personal estate in England valued at £3,671 was left by Mr. George Hogg, a builder, formerly of No. 1, Florence Avenue, Balby, Doncaster, who died at "St. Kilda," Cleve Road, Cleethorpes, Lincoln, on August 12, 1927. Re-sealing of probate has been granted to Mr. David James Gilmore, of the Chartered Bank, Hongkong. The will contains a number of family bequests.

ANONYMOUS LETTER TORN UP.**JUDGE AND AN OFFENDING MISSIVE.**

An anonymous letter sent to a judge was torn up in court and the fragments dropped into a waste-paper basket.

The incident occurred during legal arguments in the Chancery Division in the test action brought against the Treasury challenging the validity of a Treasury Minute of March 1922, affecting the pensions of civil servants.

Before the case was resumed, Mr. Justice Clauson referred to the letter, which had been sent to him. "I think it is a most improper thing," said his lordship, with considerable feeling. "As I was about to leave my room there was handed to me a letter, which I hold in my hand and which I have opened."

"Gross Impropriety." "I find it is an anonymous letter, written by a person who describes himself as a retired civil servant, and it apparently consists of a long argument about matters connected with this case."

"Anything which is to be put before the Court in this case must be put before me by counsel, and I am astonished that a gentleman who describes himself as a retired civil servant, and who presumably is a person of a certain amount of position and education, can think it proper to send a communication of this kind to the Court."

"I don't propose to take any further steps, but I think it is desirable that the attention of the public should be called to the gross impropriety of any communication of this kind."

Mr. Justice Clauson thereupon tore up the letter and dropped the fragments into the waste-paper basket by his side.

The Lure Of London.

Plaintiffs in the case were Messrs. John Nixon, John Scott, William Clark and Benjamin Louis Samuel. They are all retired civil servants and they claimed that they were entitled to have their superannuation allowances calculated under the Superannuation Statutes, and that the Treasury Minute of 1922, introducing variable instead of fixed pensions on retirement, was null and void. The defence was that the Court had no jurisdiction.

Mr. Nixon, in his evidence, said he was induced to enter the Civil Service over fifty years ago by what he considered would be the advantages of coming to London, working short hours and having the prospects of a pension.

"Another attraction," said Mr. Nixon, who came to London from Dublin, "was the opportunity of attending a London theatre two or three times a week." (Laughter).

Mr. Justice Clauson dismissed the action, holding that the law was well established, and could only be altered by the Legislature, that the rights of civil servants regarding their superannuation could not be adjudicated upon. He held that there was no contract with the Crown and the action failed entirely and must be dismissed.

CONFESSIONS OF A WOMAN NOVELIST.**MRS. STEEL'S STORY OF LOVELESS MATCH.**

Confessions which Mrs. Annie Steel, the novelist, makes about her marriage, in a new book, are surprisingly candid.

The book, "The Garden of Fidelity" (MacMillan, 12s. 6d.), is published posthumously, for the author died earlier this year.

She writes— "Why I married I cannot say. I never have been able to say. I do not think either of us was in love. I know I was not; I never have been."

"That is a sad fact, but it must be faced. It has not made life any the less entrancing."

"My husband confessed guiltily that, but for the best man, his brother, he would certainly have run away that bitterly cold 31st December, and I comforted him by saying truthfully that I would have done the same had I had time; but what with dressing my bridesmaids, trying to light the fire which had gone out, and attending to some of the younger members of our party, I had to go through with it as a duty."

In spite of this unpromising start, Mrs. Steel's married life seems to have been extremely happy.

Towards the end of her life she developed the theory that the secret of the eternal strife of the sexes was due to the fact that the human love instinct is not seasonal.

Women's jealousy, Mrs. Steel maintained, was the primal cause of the disharmony of the racial instincts at the root of many of our social evils.

QUEEN'S THEATRE.**"BEHIND THAT CURTAIN" NOW SHOWING.**

Lois Moran, the well-known cinema actress, scores another success as the leading lady in the "Behind That Curtain," a mysterious detective story, which was shown to packed "houses" at the Queen's Theatre last night and will be screened until Thursday. The picture depicts the unhappy marriage of an English society girl and her subsequent adventures in a desert. It has as its background some excellent English country and street scenes, crowded streets in India, beautiful and realistic settings in the desert and finally the Chinatown of San Francisco.

Opening with a murder in London, the story soon shifts to India, where the bride realises her husband's criminality and unfaithfulness. How she eventually finds happiness in the desert is told with much cleverness.

The picture is a "100 per cent, talkie," while the voices of the two leading stars and some of the native songs of India are extremely good and clear.

There is also the Fox Movietone News in the programme which should be enjoyed by all cinema-goers.

Best Sellers.

To Earl Derr Biggers, acedely-known author of many popular stories and plays, including the famous "Seven Keys to Baldpate," once more goes the honour of being numbered among the writers of the "best sellers" of the season. "Behind That Curtain," Scotland Yard romantic mystery of love and intrigue in England, India and San Francisco, which is the latest product of his gifted pen has won him an enviable position in the world of letters.

Its sales not only in the United States, but in all other English-speaking countries are reported by the book trade to have reached a total which makes it one of the most popular and widely-read novels of recent years. There is also a steady demand for it in the public libraries of all the great cities, librarians report.

Biggers has been a prominent figure in literature for many years. Following his graduation from Harvard, he entered newspaper work in Boston and developing a flair for humour, conducted a "column" over his signature on the Boston Traveller.

In time he began contributing to magazines, one of his most widely known *Saturday Evening Post* stories being "Seven Keys to Baldpate," which George M. Cohan produced as a stage mystery farce which played for years.

Some of his other popular works are "Love Insurance," which was produced on the screen, "Inside the Lines," "The Agony Column," "If You're Only Human," "See Saw," a musical comedy, and the latest, "Behind That Curtain."

This very popular romantic mystery has been transferred to the screen as an all-talking special by Fox Movietone, directed by Irving Cummings, with Warner Baxter, Lois Moran and Gilbert Emery, in the leading roles. It is playing at the Queen's Theatre this week. Such well known troupers as Philip Strange, Eric Durand, Claude King, Peter Gawthorne, Finch Smiles, John Rowers, Montague Shaw, Boris Karloff, and Jamel Hassen also have important characterizations.

JUNK AND SAMPAN COLLIDE.**HOTEL LAUNCH RESCUES FOUR BOAT PEOPLE.****SEQUEL IN COURT.**

A collision between a junk and a sampan yesterday had a sequel this morning when the master of the junk was charged, before Mr. T. W. H. Hosegood at the Marine Court, with failing to render assistance to the occupants of the sampan after being involved in the accident.

Set. Estall prosecuted. Mr. W. A. Zimmern informed his Worship that he was on a Hongkong Hotel launch awaiting the s.s. Borneo at West Point yesterday when he heard cries for help. He looked in the direction from where the cries came and saw a canister sampan with the crew in the water.

The Hotel launch at once went to the rescue and picked up two adults and two children.

He was told, went on Mr. Zimmern, that the sampan turned over after fouling the stern of a trading junk, which continued on her way without stopping to render assistance to the occupants of the sampan.

Witness then hired a launch to go after the junk and on the way met a police launch under the command of Sgt. Estall. Witness then informed the police officer of the occurrence and they overtook the junk and had the master placed under arrest.

The mistress of the capsized sampan said her boat was hired by two Chinese who wanted to board a steamer which was moored to a buoy in midstream. On the way to the steamer, her sampan fouled the stern of the defendant's junk and capsized. All the occupants of the boat were precipitated into the water, but the junk did not render them any assistance.

Defendant's Story.

Asked what he had to say, the defendant told his Worship that the mistress of the sampan wanted him to take the two passengers. He refused and passed on. What happened immediately after that, defendant did not know.

After he had gone some distance, his attention was drawn to the capsized boat. He at once slowed down and was on the point of lowering a boat when he saw a launch going to the rescue of the occupants.

"There was no use my going to the rescue then," added the defendant.

One of the two passengers on the sampan at the time of the accident stated that the mistress of the sampan did not ask the defendant to carry the two passengers. How it all happened he did not know, but, finding himself in the water, he scrambled on board the defendant's craft.

In reply to his Worship, witness said the defendant did lower his sails and slow down but did not lower a boat to go to the assistance of the occupants of the sampan.

To the interpreter, his Worship said:—"Tell him that it is a serious thing he is charged with. There is, however, some doubt as to whether he did lower his sail and slow down, but I will give him the benefit of the doubt and dismiss the case. At the same time, I would like to warn him for his own sake and for the sake of all in charge of trading junks to learn the conditions of their licences."

ELECTION NIGHT COMEDY.**300,000 BOTTLES OF LIQUOR HELD UP.**

New York, Nov. 5.

A pretty little prohibition comedy is being enacted off the New Jersey coast to-day.

New York, in common with many American municipalities, is electing its local officials. There is little interest in the ballot, as it is regarded as almost certain that Mr. James J. Walker, the Mayor, will be re-elected, but plans had been made for the usual election night celebrations.

Large supplies of liquor were ordered, but unfortunately for the would-be rejoicers, Prohibition agents intercepted wireless messages stating that three ships each with 100,000 bottles of choice liquor on board were lying off shore, outside the 12-mile limit.

The Government agents established a blockade, and so far have prevented small craft from bringing the cargoes ashore, much to the chagrin of thirsty New Yorkers.

As regards the election, only the size of Mr. Walker's plurality is the object of conjecture. The campaign has been waged almost entirely on personalities, with its opponents demanding that the City should rebel against Tammany domination and "drive the rascals out."

For the first time all New York City is equipped with voting machines on which voters pull levers instead of marking ballot papers. Since these machines add as they work, it is expected that the returns will be compiled much earlier than in former years.

Despite the activities of the Prohibition agents, New York is preparing the usual election night fête, in which thousands parade up and down Broadway blowing horns and throwing confetti, and patronising night clubs and restaurants, where the returns are announced.

HILLTOP GRAVE FOR MILLIONAIRE.**AMERICAN'S LAST WISH FULFILLED.**

An American millionaire's wish that he should be buried on a hilltop in Surrey has been carried out, the body of Mr. Irving Ingersoll Bloomingdale, of New York, being interred in the little churchyard at Albury, near Guildford.

Mr. Bloomingdale was on a visit to England with his wife when he was involved in a motor accident in Blackwall Tunnel. He died on October 15, and his body was embalmed.

His relatives selected St. Martin's, Albury, as the nearest approach to his wishes.

The church stands on the site of one of the ancient halting places of the Canterbury Pilgrims, at the apex of a fir-covered hill commanding a wonderful panoramic view of the surrounding country.

The body was encased in a lead shell, which was placed inside a mahogany coffin. The cathedral church choir from Guildford provided the music at the service.

Had Mr. Bloomingdale lived he had intended to make his home in Surrey.

FUTURE STATUS OF SHANGHAI.**WHY JUDGE FEETHAM HAS BEEN APPOINTED.****COUNCIL STATEMENT.**

Shanghai, Dec 7.

The following statement was issued by the Council last night, in connexion with Judge Feetham's appointment and his duties in Shanghai:

"Ever since the publicly announced policy of the foreign Powers, and particularly America and Great Britain, with regard to the gradual relinquishment of extraterritorial privileges in China, the Council has fully appreciated the important relation of this policy to the complicated problem of the future status of the International Settlement during the transition period which must necessarily ensue before such a policy can become fully effective, as well as the necessity of devising some constructive plan or scheme which, while giving full consideration to the aspirations of the Chinese people, will at the same time afford reasonably adequate protection during this transition period to the great foreign, commercial and business interests which have been developed in Shanghai."

Open-Minded Advice.

"It has been unofficially intimated to the Council by persons intimately connected with government circles that the Council might well take the lead in formulating some such constructive plan or scheme and that in order to obviate, in so far as possible, any impression or suggestion of prejudice or bias with which any plan of merely local origin might possibly be regarded in official and unofficial circles, it is desirable that in formulating such a plan the Council should have entirely disinterested and open-minded advice of a high order."

"This idea appealed strongly to the Council and after careful consideration it decided by a unanimous vote, including the Chinese members, to seek the service of an expert of international reputation thoroughly to explore the subject and develop its practical possibilities."

"Upon investigation there appeared to be one outstanding figure in the person of Judge Richard Feetham of South Africa who by training, experience and achievements in Ireland, India, Johannesburg and Nairobi seems best qualified to undertake so difficult and complicated a task."

Arriving in January.

"An invitation was extended by the Council to Judge Feetham to act as an expert adviser to the Council. At the same time the Council appealed to General Hertog, the Prime Minister of the Union of South Africa, to grant leave of absence to Judge Feetham, to enable him to undertake this important task and the Council is grateful to Judge Feetham for his acceptance of its invitation and to General Hertog for his prompt and courteous acquiescence in granting him leave. Judge Feetham is expected to arrive in Shanghai about January."

COMPENSATION TO DISBANDED R.I.C.**APPEAL COURT AND JUDGE'S DECISION.**

London, Oct. 31.

The method by which compensation was awarded by the Treasury to disbanded men of the Royal Irish Constabulary was the subject of an appeal yesterday before the Master of the Rolls and Lords Justices Lawrence and Russell.

William Albert Egan, formerly a county inspector of the R.I.C. and other representative members of the force, appealed against the decision of Mr. Justice Eve that the Treasury, in assessing compensation, had rightly omitted to take into account certain allowances made to officers and some constables, in addition to their ordinary pay.

The Treasury contended that the awards had been accurately made in accordance with the Act, and the rules thereunder in like manner as the pensions to which the plaintiffs would have been entitled if they had retired from length of service. It was this view that was upheld by Mr. Justice Eve.

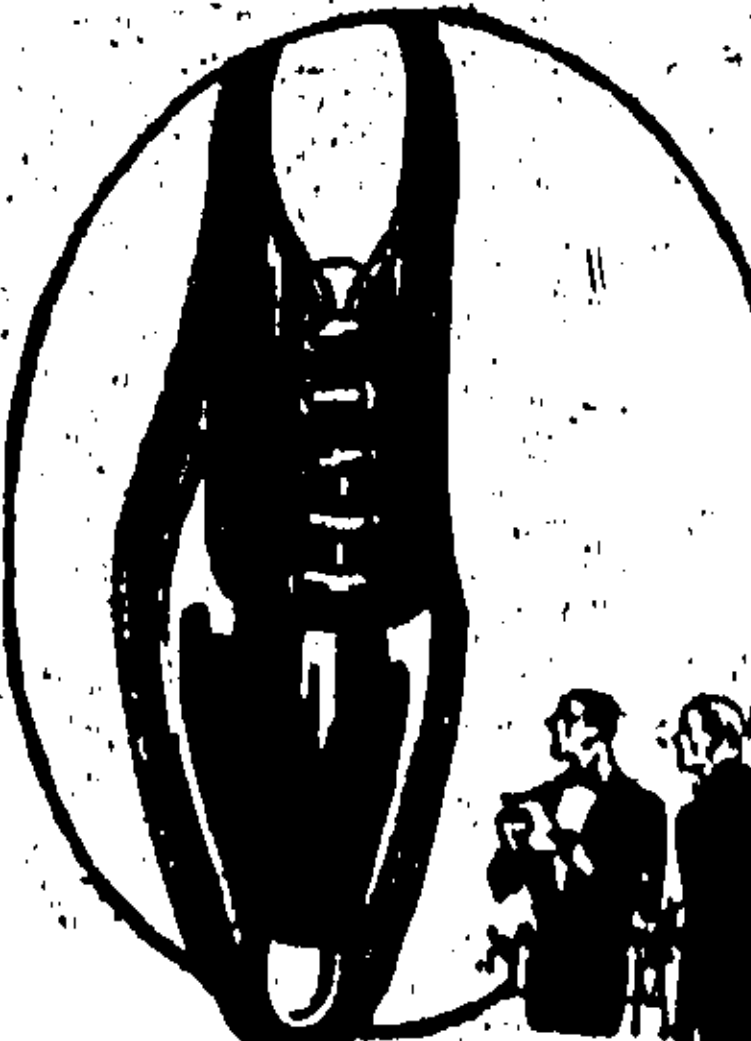
The Master of the Rolls, addressing the Attorney-General, said that the Court felt that with regard to the case of the men and the widows, the decision of Mr. Justice Eve was right. They wished to hear the case of the Treasury with respect to the children.

The Attorney-General, Sir William Jowitt, K.C., said that the Treasury had made the awards in accordance with the rules set forth in the Act.

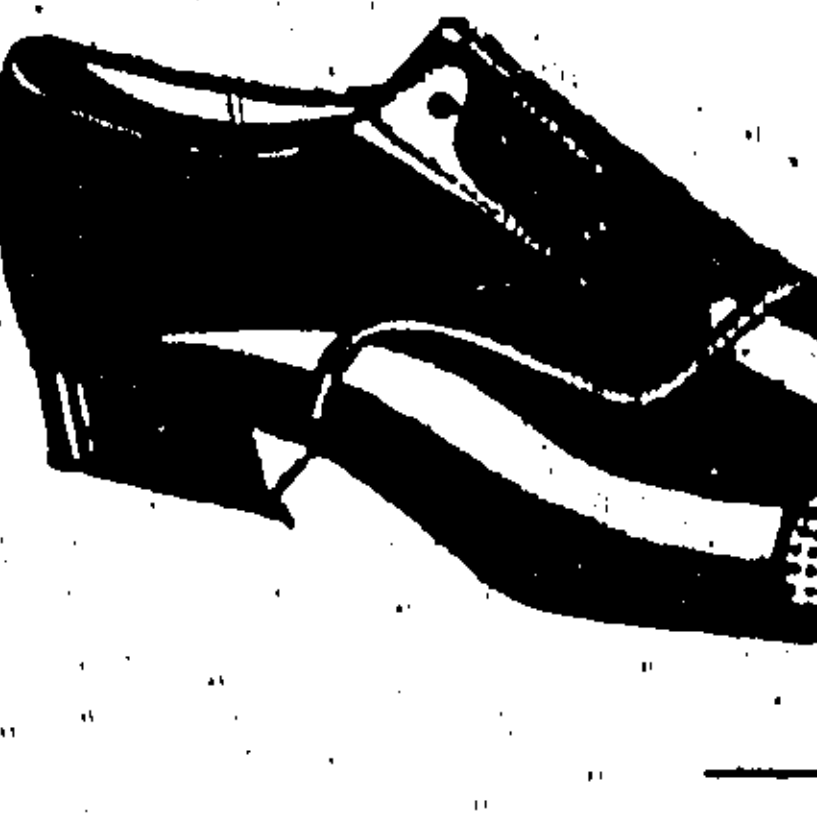
The Court reserved judgment on the appeal.

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COMING INTERPORT REGATTA.

CANTON & HONGKONG CREWS
FOR SATURDAY.

FINE PROGRAMME.

Shameen, Dec. 9.
Preparations are being made
for the Interport Regatta to be
held in Canton on Saturday next
between the Canton Rowing Club
and the Royal Hongkong Yacht
Club.

It is very unfortunate that the
Victoria Recreation Club are un-
able to send up crews on this
occasion. The Regatta was post-
poned from Saturday, 6th Novem-
ber, on account of clashing with
the Interport cricket in Hongkong,
on which occasion the Victoria
Recreation Club had entered crews
for the Junior and Griffin events.
Now that the Royal Hongkong
Yacht Club have also been obliged
to withdraw from the Griffin
events these will not be held at
all.

The following is the proposed
programme of events, the first
race being at 2.30 p.m.:

Junior Pairs.

For the Otto Challenge Cup;
rowed over a 3/4 mile course.

The Royal Hongkong Yacht
Club, rowing shore side, have en-
tered the following crew:—H.
Burson, bow, 123 lbs.; J. M. Pur-
ves, stroke, 143 lbs.; F. P. Len-
festy, cox, 126 lbs.

The Canton Rowing Club, row-
ing middle course, have entered
F. Peterson, bow, 145 lbs.; R. R.
W. Ashby, stroke, 190 lbs.; and F.
Basse, cox, 145 lbs.

Both the Hongkong and Canton
crews are completely changed
since the last Interport Regatta
held in Hongkong in April.

This is the first time the Otto
challenge Cup is being competed
for, the Royal Hongkong Yacht
Club have carried off the cup
presented by Commander M. L.
Clarke R.N., D.S.C., on the
occasion of the last Regatta in
Canton on the 19th January last.

Senior Fours.

The next event on the pro-
gramme will be the Senior Fours
for the Cuncron Challenge Cup, to
be rowed over a one mile course.

The Hongkong crew rowing
shore side, will consist of A. H.
Chambers, bow, 150 lbs.; J. A. E.
Kendrew, No. 2, 170 lbs.; S. Berg,
No. 3, 176 lbs.; H. Dreyer, stroke,
190 lbs.; and F. P. Lenfesty, cox,
126 lbs.

The Canton crew, rowing middle
course, will be O. Friessner, bow,
156 lbs.; M. Schloemer, No. 2, 170
lbs.; J. H. Frolich, No. 3, 165 lbs.;

R. Rasmussen, stroke, 165 lbs.; and
Wm. Seiffert, cox, 140 lbs.
The Hongkong crew is almost
entirely changed since the last
meeting. The Canton crew are
still relying on Rasmussen as
stroke, with Frolich at No. 3.
Friessner was to have rowed in
Hongkong in April, but was taken
sick at the last moment.
Schloemer is rowing at No. 2
instead of Eckert, but it is possible
Eckert may row on Saturday as
Schloemer is down with malaria
to-day. Kinross, who coxed in
Hongkong has since left the port,
and is being replaced by Seiffert,
who has coxed many Interport
Regattas for Canton.

Canoes and Naval Races.

The Senior Fours will be fol-
lowed by the Canoe Race, over a 3/4
mile course. This event will be
confined to Club members only.
Then at 3.50 p.m. will come the
naval race; two men and a cox
from H.M.S. Tarantula against two
men and a cox from the Can-
toniere Francaise Argus. This
event will be rowed in Club
wherries over a 3/4 mile course.

Junior Fours.

At 4.15 p.m. will be the Junior
Fours for the Hongkong Telegraph
Challenge Cup. Here again Hong-
kong are bringing up a new crew
consisting of H. Burson, bow, 123
lbs.; R. J. D. C. Grieve, No. 2, 160
lbs.; G. Newell, No. 3, 165 lbs.;
and J. M. Purves, stroke, 143 lbs.;
and F. P. Lenfesty, cox, 126 lbs.

Canton will row with H.
Leynaud, bow, 165 lbs.; M. Gavin,
No. 2, 151 lbs.; F. Petersen, No. 3,
145 lbs.; R. R. W. Ashby, stroke,
190 lbs.; and F. Basse, cox, 145
lbs.

This event will be rowed over
a one mile course, Hongkong
having once again the shore side.

The Hongkong Telegraph Chal-
lenge Cup is actually in the pos-
session of the Royal Hongkong
Yacht Club as they carried it off
on the occasion of the last Canton
Regatta in January last. Canton
however, have great hopes of
bringing it back this time.

Senior Pairs.

The last event of the day will
be the Senior Pairs, over a 3/4 mile
course. On this occasion Hong-
kong will row the middle course
and Canton the shore side. This
event will be rowed for the
Schubert Challenge Cup, a new
cup which is being put up for the
first time, Hongkong having won
the Herk Challenge Cup outright
on the occasion of their last visit
to Canton.

The Hongkong crew for this
event has not yet been selected,
but Canton will rely on the men
who gained the victory over
Hongkong in April last, namely,
J. H. Frolich, bow, 165
lbs.; R. Rasmussen, stroke, 165
lbs.; but the cox will be Wm.
Seiffert, 140 lbs. Instead of A. R.
Kinross.—Our Own Correspondent.

SHAMEEN FOOTBALL LEAGUE.

TARANTULA DEFEATS THE
CICALA.

Shameen, Dec. 9.
H.M.S. Tarantula defeated H.M.S.
Cicala by two goals to one in the
Shameen Football League Saturday
afternoon. The Tarantula scored
the first goal soon after the start,
though the first half was very
evenly disputed. The score re-
mained at 1 to nil until half-time.

In the second half the "Tula" again
scored shortly after the kick-off,
and then the Cicala scored. After
this the Cicala had by far the bet-
ter of the game and during
the last ten minutes players
were literally bombarding the
"Tula" goal. It was only thanks
to some very excellent work
on the part of the "Tula" custodian
that the Cicala did not draw, or even
beat them. The teams were:

H.M.S. Tarantula.—Bagnshaw;
Leeds, Driscoll; Ahlitt, Smith, Rob-
inson; McKinn, Annis, Cunning-
ham, Stoneman and Miller.
H.M.S. Cicala.—Garlick; Glynn,
Pinder; Crick, Rander, Williams;
McDonald, Rees, Surg, Lt. Bolton,
Riddle and McKessick.—Our Own
Correspondent.

RADIO TELEPHONE.

SIR THOMAS LIPTON SPEAKS
FROM SHIP AT SEA.

New York, Dec. 9.
The first business talk between a
passenger in a liner and a business
man ashore was successfully car-
ried out between Sir Thomas Lipton,
proceeding to England aboard the
Leviathan, three days out, and the
advertising expert, Mr. William
Rankin, who was seated in his
hotel in Atlantic City.
The conversation was perfectly
audible, and cost 87½ shillings for
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THE C.R.C. TENNIS TOURNAMENT.

DATE FOR ENTRIES NOW
ALTERED.

Entries for the Chinese Recrea-
tion Club's annual tennis tourna-
ment, which commences on the
21st inst., are to close on the
15th inst., and not on the 10th
inst., as previously announced.
The events are as follows:

Championship Singles. En-
trance fee, \$2.00.—Challenge Cup
presented by Mr. Ho Kom-tong, to
be held for one year and won
outright if won by the same player
three years in succession.

Championship Doubles. En-
trance fee, \$2.00 each player.—To
be entered in pairs. Challenge
Cups presented by Mr. Ng Sze-
kwong, to be held for one year
and won outright if won by the
same players three years in suc-
cession.

Handicap Singles. Entrance
fee, \$2.00.—Classification to be
arranged by the Committee.
Handicap Doubles. Entrance
fee, \$2.00 each player.—To be
entered in pairs.

Handicap Mixed Doubles. En-
trance fee, gentleman \$2.00, ladies
free. To be entered in pairs.
(Provided there are at least 8
entries).

LOCAL CRICKET.

A FRIENDLY MATCH.

The following will represent the
Varsity 2nd XI in a friendly match
against the H.M.S. Hermes, on
Wednesday, at 2 p.m. sharp on the
University ground:
A. A. Aziz (Capt.), S. R. Kermani,
A. Chan Fook, K. T. Loke, K. P. Gan,
G. E. Yeoh, C. Candah, H. E. M.
Adams, P. L. Tan, A. Rodriguez, A.
T. Nomanbhoy.

REVOLTING WAY OF MAKING MONEY.

DEATH OF FASTING MAN IS
INVESTIGATED.

A verdict of Misadventure was
returned at the inquest at Black-
pool on Ricardo Sacco, the fasting
man, who died at Blackpool after
an illness which followed a 65 days'
fast in a Blackpool amusement
arcade.

His real name was Richard Hans
Jones, aged 48, and he was a baker
by trade.

Dr. C. Ward said that Sacco had
an enlarged liver and suffered from
indigestion and was unable to retain
food. He advised him not to fast.

After the fast he was in a very
weak state and medicine and a milk
and water diet were prescribed.
He died from cardiac failure,
ascites, dropsy and cirrhosis of the
liver. It was possible that fasts
tended to bring about his condition.

Ethel Barlow, a trained nurse,
who was called to Sacco after his
fast, said he told her he felt he
would never get better. "Well,
nurse," he said, "they have killed
me this time," but he did not men-
tion any names. "In the amuse-
ment arcade," she said, "were
monkeys, birds and funny cats.
It was dirty and smelt very bad.
Sacco's glass was surrounded by
them. It was like a menagerie,
and it made me ill. Sacco was dis-
gusted at his surroundings and said
he was ready to give up, but he
wanted to beat a man named
Clarke."

The Coroner said it was clear that
the man was out to make money in
what most people would regard as a
most revolting way.

"How people can be induced to
go and see a man who is starving
himself into this condition I cannot
conceive," he added. "If the au-
thority had power to do so they
ought to have intervened on the
grounds of hygiene and sanitation.
Sacco undertook a task too much
for his body, and overstepped the
mark."



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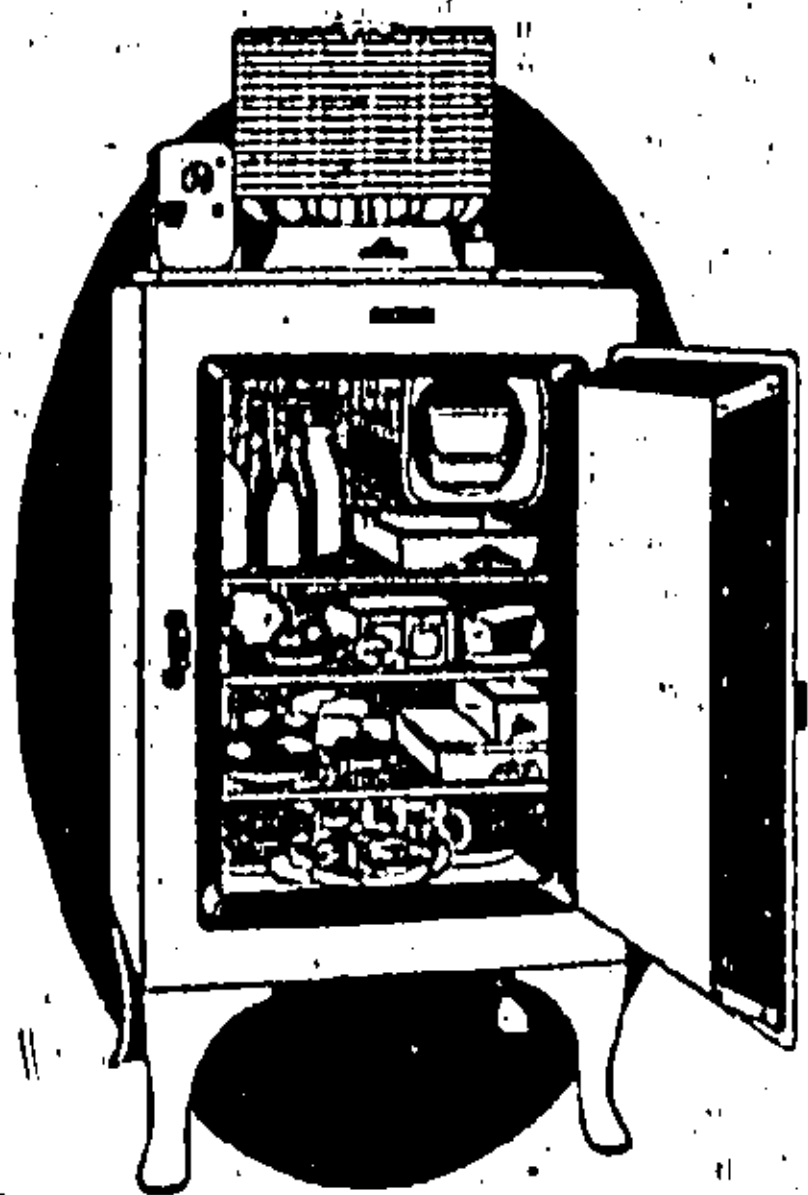
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GARRISON NEWS.

MAJOR CARTER, R.E. TO RETIRE.

Major J. J. Carter, Royal Engineers, who arrived in the Colony only recently, is retiring from the Service shortly, and will be one of the fortunate few to book a late berth on the Asama Maru, when she sails this week.

Band Concert.

The band concert, which was announced to take place last evening in the courtyard of Wellington Barracks, proved a great success, and the continuance of such entertainments is practically certain. Whilst a number of Naval personnel and European civilians had not grasped the fact that the public were permitted to occupy the seats arranged around the Band, the troops in the Barracks were content in many cases to remain of their verandahs to listen to the very excellent fare provided by Bandmaster E. J. Woolcott and his instrumentalists.

A feature of the arrangements was the placing of a plume of green horse-hair above each music-stand, a relic of the days when the Somerset's Band hung their shakos, with their green plumes, on the music-stands.

Football.

In the Hongkong Area Football League, two matches were played yesterday afternoon. In their match with the R.A.S.C., the Somerset's had little difficulty in winning by the comfortable margin of eight goals to two. Teams:

"B" Coy., S.I.L.—Reano, Donovan, Leyshan, Savitar, Hulsh, Townsend; Rendell, Hicks, Denmond, Bennett, Cotton.

R.A.S.C. and R.A.P.C.—Andrews; Evans, Norris; L.L. Courtin, Lyons, Hamer; Cole, Twelves, Corbesley, Lewis, Fry.

The Corps won the toss, and elected to kick with the sun behind them. The Somerset's forced an unproductive corner in the first minute, and continued their pressure for some little while, eventually being driven back to midfield. The Somerset's got away after some time, and Hicks ran in to score a good goal.

Rendell and Hicks made a pretty run, and a smart centre enabled Cotton to come through to add to the Somerset's score. The Departmentals got away again, and Fry, from the left, put in a good centre that passed right across the goal-mouth with no one to breast it in.

The Corps had still the scoring spirit, and Corbesley opened their tally with a good shot, and both sides got near to the other's goal before the half-time whistle, though no further goals resulted.

End-to-end play in the first few minutes of the second half was soon transformed into merely a matter of the Somerset's keeping the Corps in their own half, and goals came quickly from Hicks, Denmond and Townsend. The Departmentals made a break-away, but missing the short ended the movement. Cotton scored again for the Somerset's as soon as they were within shooting distance, and Evans saved a certain goal soon afterwards, with Andrews out of position. Denmond added to the Somerset's score before the end, and Lewis scored for the Corps from a corner.

20th (H) Bty. R.A. v R.E. & R.S.

Although leading at half-time through the only goal scored, the Artillery lost by two goals to one at Sookunpoo yesterday afternoon. Teams:

20th Battery.—Naylor; Rathbone, Bacon, Ashlee, Gort, Harris; Kerner, Dryden, Wilkinson, Wood, Dean, R. E. & R. Signals.—Penny; Sabin, Perry, Palmer, Grosvenor, Monaghan, Higgins, Gillett, Cotton, Delling, Maynard.

Winning the toss, the Engineers played against the sun in the first half. Dryden was injured in the first five minutes of the game and had to be assisted from the field. Dryden was instrumental in the Gunners getting their goal, which Wilkinson scored, whilst Wood nearly got another one soon afterwards. Penny only just managing to save. Midfield play was the order for the remainder of the first half.

Gillett played at inside-right in the second half, and Maynard took up the outside-left position. The latter scored for the Engineers, to bring the scores level, with a shot that Naylor was unable to stop. The Gunners showed more combination than they have done recently, and determined raids got near Penny's goal, only for poor shooting to turn their efforts to nothing. At the other end, Gillett put a good pass across to Cotton, who scored without much difficulty from ten yards. Further pressure by the Engineers led to no further score, and they ran out winners by the odd goal in three.

China Fleet Football League.

In the Second Division of the above League, Iroquois beat Tamar yesterday afternoon at Happy Valley by the only goal scored. It was Iroquois' first game in the League, and perhaps the early win will only be the precursor of further success. Teams: Iroquois.—Wyatt; Hammond, Nobles, Warden, Evans, Watson; Northfield, Brough, Fell, Allison, Tamar.—Hampton, Brown, Robinson, Sullivan, Johnson, Woods; Butler, Beer, Carson, Lake, Field.

Both sides settled down early in the game, with give-and-take play. The defence on each side had little difficulty in clearing from sets of forwards who did not seem to know

LOCAL YACHTING.

THIRD LADIES' CHAMPIONSHIP SHIP RACE YESTERDAY.

The R.H.K.Y.C. third Ladies' Championship race was sailed yesterday, the course being—Channel Rocks (P), Kowloon Rocks (P), Mark on Line (P), Channel Rocks (S), distance of 7.4 miles. The results were:

H. Class, Started 3 p.m.	Yacht	Finish	Correct	Position
	Rolla	4.15.38	4.15.38	5
	La Linda	4.14.15	4.18.38	8
	Diana	4.18.50	4.14.22	4
	Colleen	4.18.07	4.11.11	1
	Dorothea	4.18.20	4.12.47	2

I. Y. and G. Classes Started 3.5.	Yacht	Finish	Correct	Position
	Daphne	4.31.45	Scratch	5
	Halcyon	4.34.14	"	8
	Why Wonder	4.32.48	"	6
	Wings	4.31.05	"	2
	Bluenose	4.31.15	"	3
	Boojum	4.30.28	"	1
	Speedwell	4.31.29	"	4
	Adanne	4.33.15	"	7

KOWLOON GOLF CLUB.

FIRST ROUND OF JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIP.

The following is the draw for the first round of the Junior Championship of the Kowloon Golf Club to be played next Sunday.

C. G. Anderson v H. Munday
T. J. Price v S. H. Harris
E. O. Murphy v A. Laughton
A. A. Dand v W. Mills
F. E. Skimmer v F. W. T. Ross
G. Castle v W. Borrowman
J. B. McCaw v W. Orchard
H. G. Swinburne v J. S. Smith

The second round will be played on December 23, the semi-final on January 12 and the final on January 26.

HOCKEY.

UNIVERSITY TO MEET THE EUROPEAN Y.M.C.A.

The following have been selected to represent the University, 2nd XI against the Y.M.C.A. at King's Park at 6 p.m. on Thursday.—A. A. Aziz (Capt.), V. Enk, N. Chumarette, E. L. Harrison, O. I. De Souza, J. J. Gutierrez, N. Noronha, Dick, Koh Nai-poh and Ng Kam-sol.

one another's play, and combination in attacks was poor. No score occurred in the first half.

Northfield opened the scoring for Iroquois after making all the running for himself, and this success spurred his side to increased effort. Tamar being several times in difficulties. Though an accident to Warden necessitated his going off the field, Iroquois continued their pressure but could not find the net again.

Marazion beat Petersfield by five goals to all at Happy Valley yesterday afternoon, in a rather one-sided match. Teams:

Marazion.—Martin; Goodall, Wand; Brown, Keon, Wells; Richardson, Milton, Swift, Tigwell, Pauley.

Petersfield.—Genge, Hawes, Cook; Phillips, Walker, Lowe; Pearce, Howard, Mayne, Wells, Jackson.

End-to-end play marked the opening stages of the game, and Petersfield forced two corners from Marazion without result. Tigwell was first to score for Marazion, from a good pass by Pauley, and the same combination repeated the motion later, for Tigwell to score again. Swift got his side's third goal from Pauley, a good shot going into the far corner of the net.

Pauley, besides having the honour of "making" all three goals for Marazion, ran through himself to score the fourth, just before half-time.

Petersfield made a fine dash for the Marazion goal on resuming, but Keon and Goodall cleared well, and at the other end Genge saved well from Tigwell, Swift, and Milton. The Marazion forwards kept up their pressure, and a nice pass by Richardson gave Pauley the chance to add the fifth goal.

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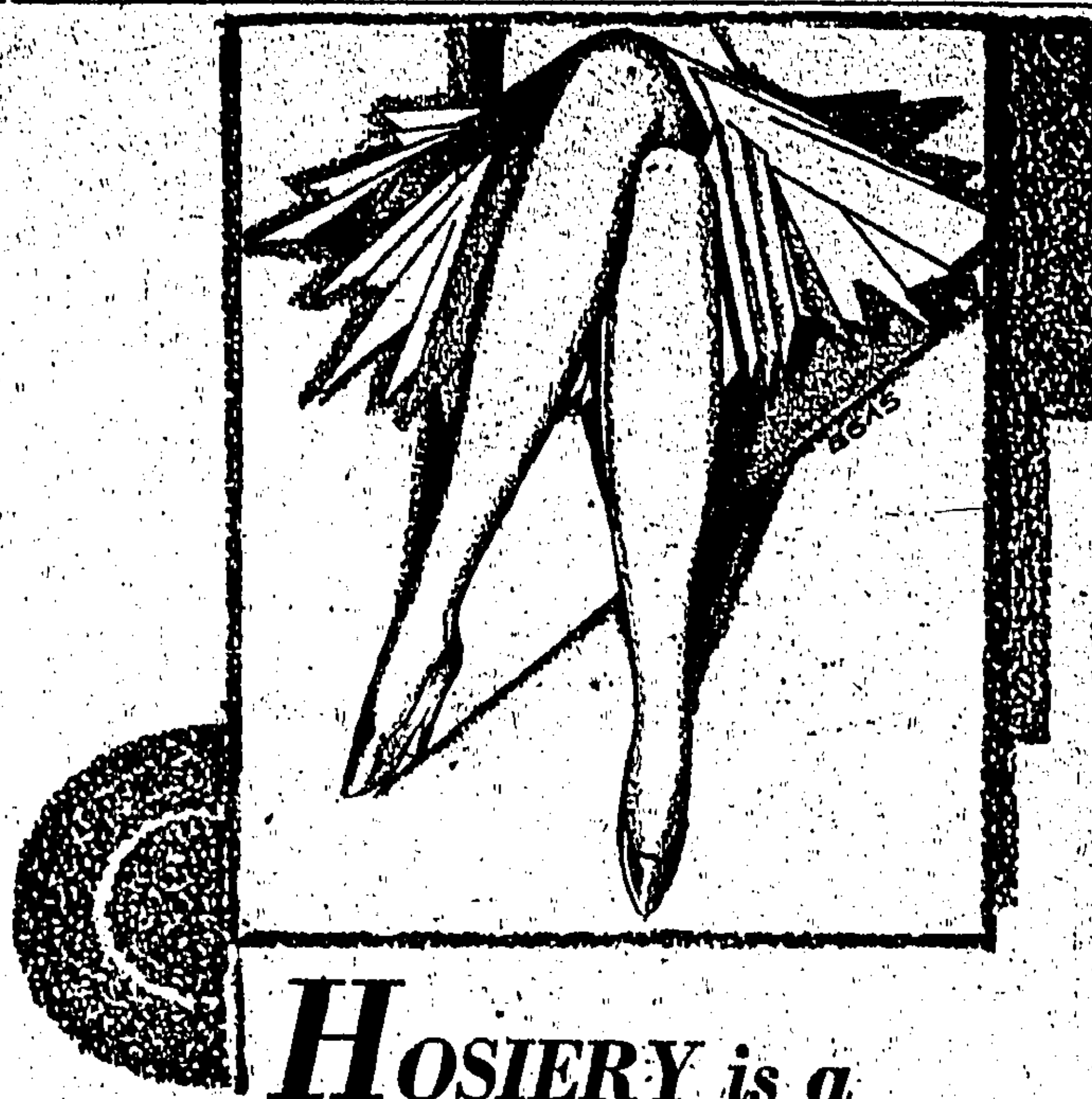
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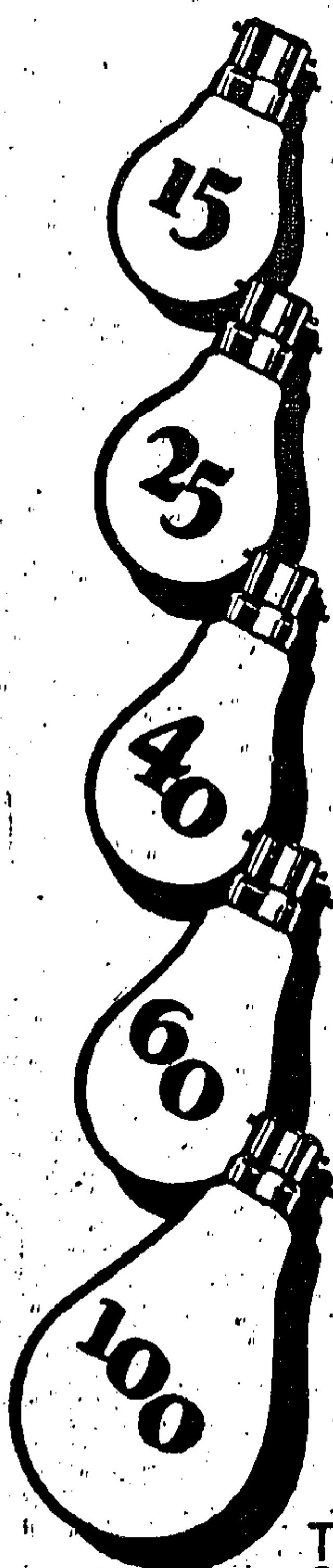
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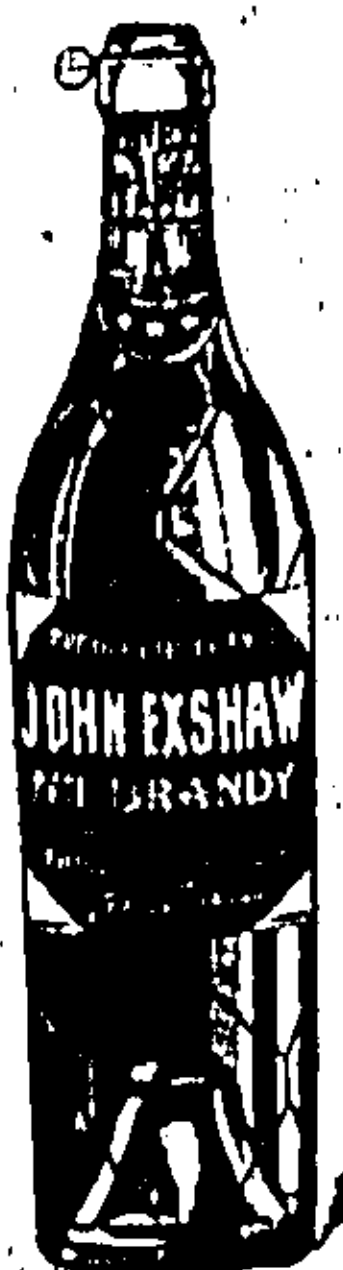
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THE BREWER CASE OPENED.

FINANCIAL STANDING OF THE INSTONE BANK.

The case against Mr. Noel Instone Brewer, barrister-at-law, who is charged with offences under the Perjury and Larceny Ordinances in relation to the financial affairs of the Instone Banking Corporation, was commenced before Mr. A. W. G. H. Grantham at the Central Magistracy yesterday afternoon.

In presenting the Crown case, the Public Prosecutor (Mr. Somerset Fitzroy) said three charges were involved, of which two had to do with perjury through the filing of a false Statutory Report to the Registrar of Companies and a third, with the presentation of a balance sheet misleading in many material particulars.

A Director of the Instone Banking Corporation, of which he was the President and the prime mover in the establishment, the accused had the responsibility devolved on him of presenting and filing the Statutory Report to the Registrar. In this connexion, the Crown alleged that certain misstatements were made by the accused when he represented the total amount of monies received in consideration of shares allotted to be much more than it really was.

With a nominal capital represented at a large figure, a most extraordinary procedure took place with regard to these shares when, forbidden under its Articles of Association to deal in its own shares, the Bank required its prospective stockholders to make up on paper what it lacked in cash derivable from such shares, as the following printed form would show:

"I hereby make an application to the Instone Banking Corporation for a personal loan of \$9,000, which sum I propose to use in payment of the balance outstanding on 100 Ordinary Shares applied for (or allotted to) me in my name, on which the sum of \$10 per share has been previously paid by me in cash. I agree that this loan, if accepted, shall be a lien on the said shares and that in the event of my essaying to transfer or hypothecate the said shares, it shall be forthwith repayable without demand."

Followed the signature of the "borrower" and his acknowledgment of the amount named, but, explained Mr. Fitzroy, no hard cash passed hands. What happened then was that there was a number of cross-entries in the books which, while swelling the capital funds, also showed large assets receivable on "loans repayable."

Mrs. Brewer's Responsibility.

Mr. Fitzroy went on to refer to other "book" transactions with which the accused was directly interested and to a block of 4,800 shares, responsibility under which was incurred by Mrs. Brewer to the extent of \$432,000. A person burdened with such a huge indebtedness to the Bank said Mr. Fitzroy, would have cause for considerable worry, but apparently not Mrs. Brewer, for she remained in that blissful state in the following year. There would, of course, be a way out if things prospered, but they didn't and one wondered how she would bear up to it.

There came a time when the balance sheet became due, and something had to be done. What happened then was that a company was formed under the style of the Instone Trading Company to acquire these shares and take over this indebtedness from Mrs. Brewer. The books of that trading Company did not

SOVIET BUDGET.

INCREASE ON ORIGINAL ESTIMATE.

Moscow, Dec. 9.

The Central Executive Committee has approved of the Budget, which provides for the expenditure of 11,600 million roubles, an increase of 200 million roubles on the original estimates.—*Reuter.*

show any business being done thereafter, other than the acquisition of the facial value of Mrs. Brewer's shares as its capital.

Misleading Figures.

A balance sheet was prepared which was to have been presented before a meeting of the Directors on the 8th July 1928, but to be valid a copy should have been circulated amongst shareholders seven days before the proposed meeting. The Crown contended that the accused never complied with this rule, and did not call for the minutes of the previous meeting to be passed with an extraordinary resolution at a subsequent meeting. The charges upon which the Crown was proceeding against the accused in this respect was that on July 9, following the last meeting, Brewer filed a balance sheet with the Registrar containing misleading figures in material particulars.

Mr. Fitzroy detailed these particulars which were entered in the balance sheet as accounts receivable, collateral and long-term loans, mortgages and investments, etc., all amounting to huge figures, but which from the Crown viewpoint were merely fictitious cross-entries as instanced in the case of "loans" to shareholders. It was their belief that the Bank had no more than a few thousand dollars any one day in its coffers, and that this mass of figures was intended to impress and mislead the beholder.

The Crown's Duty.

It was not the Crown's case that the accused had defrauded any one of money. Rather it was their duty to show that a case had been made out against the accused on charges of committing perjury, when he filed false statements, and committing a further offence under the Larceny Ordinance when he published, or concurred in the publishing, of a false balance-sheet. It then remained for his Worship if he ruled that a case had been made out on those charges to commit the accused, or to discharge him if he thought the charges not substantiated.

Evidence was called, and Mr. C. D. Melbourne, Registrar of Companies at the Supreme Court, testified to certain Company documents and a balance sheet having been filed by the Instone Banking Corporation.

Mr. G. Labrum, of Ye Olde Printerie, also stated that his firm at a material date received an order for 200 copies of a balance sheet handed in. This balance sheet, witness said, was subsequently subjected to alterations.

Before the Court rose, Mr. E. Davidson, who represented the accused, applied for a reduction of bail. He said that the prosecution had no objection to a reduction from \$3,000 to \$2,000 cash.

Mr. Fitzroy intimated that he had no objection and the bail was accordingly reduced. The case was adjourned till this afternoon.

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CHAPTER XIV.

"You have no right to make such insinuations against Walter Styles!" Norma flamed. "He was only thinking of me—of my reputation in a gossip boarding house. If anyone had discovered I was in Walter's room, so late at night, dressed as I was—"

"You did enter his room then?" Strawn interrupted, his voice gentle and placating again.

"Yes, I did! We could hardly talk in the hall, with me crying as I was. But we left the door slightly ajar, and stood near it. We did not even sit down the whole time. I told him, because he urged me to, just what Mrs. Hogarth had said, about his asking her to lend him money for his business, and—her waver that he wouldn't want to marry me after she had cut me out of her will—"

"And your fiancé was very angry, of course?"

"Of course!" Norma agreed vehemently, then gasped as she realized the trend of the question. "He was certainly justified in being angry at Mrs. Hogarth's misunderstanding of his motives—"

"And he went to have a little quiet talk with her, to set her straight on his motives—Wait, Miss Paige! He crawled out of his window and walked along the upstairs porch to Mrs. Hogarth's room, entering by her window—"

"He did no such thing!" the girl almost screamed. "He didn't leave me for a single minute! We stood right by the door, talking in whispers. I don't know just how long we talked, but we both saw Mrs. Sharp go to the bathroom. She knocked and called my name, but of course I didn't answer, and she opened the door and went in. She must have seen my towel and soap there, for she went to my room then and knocked. Then she went back to the bathroom and took her bath, or I suppose she did, for she was in there long enough to bathe."

"We heard her turn the water on again, and then she came out and knocked at my door again. We heard her say, 'Your water's running, Norma.' Then she went into her room and when her door had closed, I ran across the hall and into the bathroom. I took my bath and had just got into bed when I heard someone knock on Mrs. Hogarth's door, or on some door. I thought it was Mrs. Hogarth's, but I didn't look out to make sure. About 10 or 15 minutes later a man and Mrs. Rhodes came to my door and told me that Mrs. Hogarth was dead. And that's absolutely all I know!"

Strawn regarded the quivering, white-faced girl through narrowed lids for a long minute, while Bonnie Dundee, behind the screen, had tremendous difficulty in suppressing an impulse to step out of hiding and tell her that, at least, believed every word she had said. But of course not even she must know he was not merely the "new boarder," but a new detective as well, as ignorant of the truth of who killed Mrs. Hogarth as she was herself.

"Miss Paige," Strawn began slowly, "there is small doubt that Mrs. Hogarth was murdered and robbed during those minutes you say you spent with your fiancé in his room. No, wait, please! I am making no accusations. I merely want you to try very hard to remember if you heard or saw anything else while you stood near Mr. Styles' door, which was ajar, you say. I think it is due to you to tell you that Mrs. Sharp's story corroborates yours in every way—as far as it goes. Now think! Did you hear or see anyone besides Mrs. Sharp during those minutes—approximately half an hour?"

The girl seemed pathetically relieved at his implied faith in her word. She drew a deep breath, then knitted her brows in an effort to remember. "No," she said at last. "I saw no one at all. Of course, Walter and I were both afraid, and kept looking out of the door, but we saw no one."

"You can vouch for the fact that Mr. Sharp, for instance, did not come out of his room?"

"Oh, yes! I'm sure of that."

Dundee's quick mind took note of the fact that her earnest words had given Lawrence Sharp a perfect alibi. For the Sharps' room did not open upon a convenient upstairs porch, leading to Mrs. Hogarth's room. Their window was set in the west wall of the house, overlooking the driveway. Unless he had jumped from his second floor window to the ground below, and had then climbed the rose trellis at the west end of the porch, he could not possibly have gained access to the old woman's room. And Lawrence Sharp was no slim and agile youth.

"Did you hear anything—anyone?" Strawn persisted.

"No, Oh, yes, we did!" the girl corrected herself hastily. "One reason we talked in whispers was that we were afraid of Mr. Magnus hearing us. We knew he was in

his room and awake, for he was typing nearly all the time. His room is next to Walter's, you know."

"Nearly all the time?" Strawn repeated. "Just how long a time was his machine silent?"

"Not nearly long enough for him to murder poor Mrs. Hogarth and search her room!" Norma flamed.

"If that's what you're wondering! He was typing along steadily, as if he were copying something that had already been written. He said at dinner, tonight—or rather, last night—that he was going to revise his story that had just been returned by a studio. Then while Mrs. Sharp was taking her bath, and I was just about to slip across to my own room, to be there in case she came to speak to me, he stopped, and Walter and I were scared to death he had heard us. I—I had become almost hysterical, because of Mrs. Sharp's looking for me, and my not being able to get back to my room, and—everything, and we were afraid Bert—Mr. Magnus—had heard me crying, for he stopped typing for two or three minutes. We heard him moving about in his room, and for fear he might open his door and look out, I stayed in Walter's room until he began to type again."

"One more question, Miss Paige, please. Have you seen or talked with anyone since you returned to your room after taking your bath? Other than Mrs. Rhodes and Detective Payne, when they came to tell you of Mrs. Hogarth's death?"

"No, sir. No one at all."

The girl, dismissed at last, almost ran from the room, her hands groping before her as if she were blind with tears.

"Boyle!" Strawn bawled. "Tell Payne I want him. And when you see him leave, bring in Walter Styles."

When Payne appeared, he shook his head before Strawn could put a question. "Nothing in the girl's room, chief. Her wardrobe trunk, her closet and her desk were all unlocked. No money anywhere."

"All right, Payne. I'm having Styles in now. Go over his room with a fine tooth comb."

Walter Styles, when he appeared, was wearing a rather handsome silk dressing gown over shirt and trousers. His brown hair was brushed sleekly smooth, and his light-brown eyes were calm, but there was a betraying tightness about his mouth. Dundee knew that he was alert and anxious; having no idea how much or how little his sweetheart had been forced to tell.

After a few preliminary questions, Strawn asked abruptly: "Where were you between 11 and say 10 minutes after 12 tonight, Styles?"

A muscle jerked in the young man's cheek, but his voice was steady: "I was in my room."

"Alone?" Strawn asked, with apparent casualness.

Again the spasmodic jerking of a muscle. Then, calmly, "Yes, alone."

Dundee, behind the screen, felt an unwilling admiration for the man he already looked upon with jealous envy.

"Spoken like a gentleman, Mr. Styles," Strawn applauded dryly. "But it happens that Miss Paige, your fiancée, has already told me a different story. Now, I'd like your version of that story."

Walter Styles took a quick step toward the detective, his clenched fist upraised. "If you've been badgering and insulting Norma—"

he began violently.

"You have a pretty hot temper, haven't you, Mr. Styles?" Strawn drawled. "You must remember that murder has been committed here tonight. Sit down and keep your fist to yourself, young man."

Now tell me exactly what you did between 11 o'clock last night and the time you were informed by Mrs. Rhodes and Detective Payne of Mrs. Hogarth's murder."

Walter Styles obeyed, speaking with a sort of furious calm. He began with Mrs. Hogarth's angry refusal to admit him to her room, along with Norma Paige; told of going to his own room and there awaiting word from Norma as to the result of her interview with Mrs. Hogarth; of Norma's coming into his room, at his request; of Mrs. Sharp's trips to the bathroom and to Norma's room; of Norma's departure to take her own delayed bath after Mrs. Sharp. He told the bare facts, enlarging upon them not at all, and Strawn silently heard him to the end.

"You were very angry with Mrs. Hogarth, for her treatment of Miss Paige and because of the charges she had brought against you, were you not, Mr. Styles?" Strawn asked quietly, when the brief recital had ended.

"I was!"

Strawn stared at the unexpectedness of the admission, then he pounced: "Mr. Styles, did you leave your room at all during the times I have mentioned?"

"Yes—I did!"

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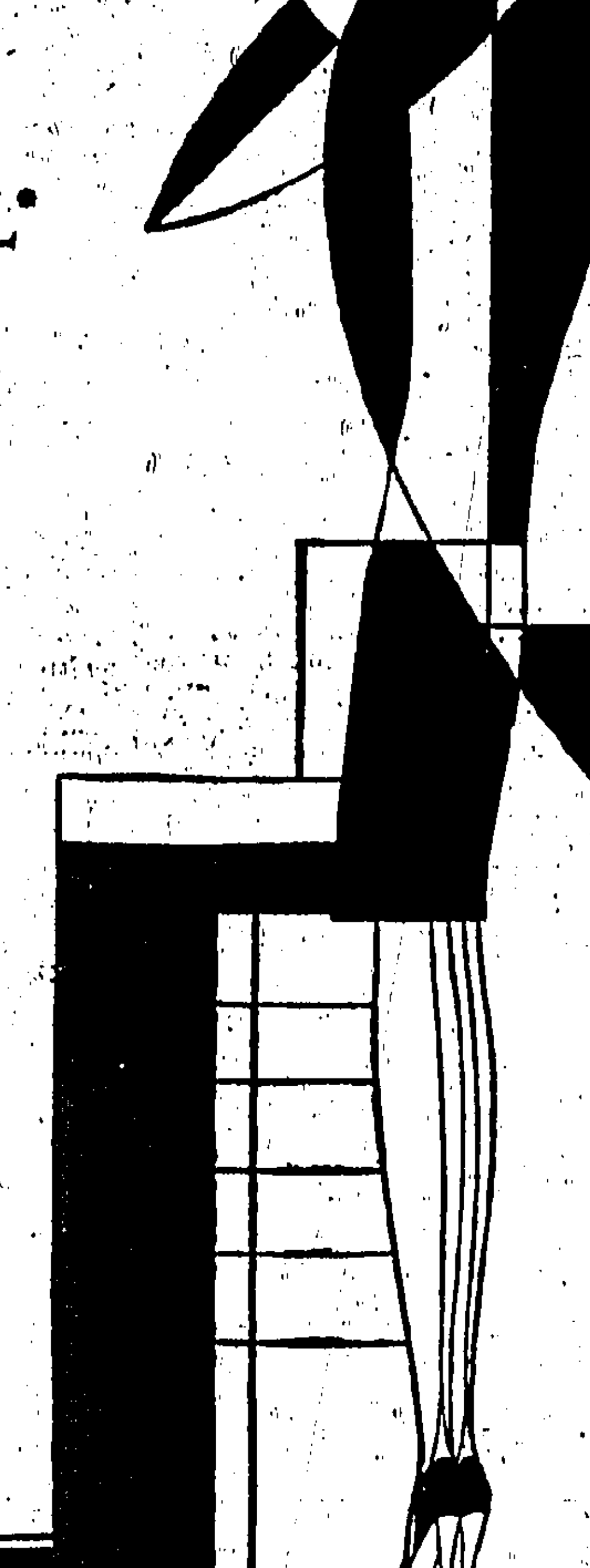
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Hongkong Rents.

[To The Editor of Hongkong Telegraph.]

Sir,—The picture painted by your correspondent, a "Supporter of the Rent Problem Committee," depicting "crafty and relentless speculators" exacting their last pound of flesh from mild, obedient and long-suffering tradesmen savours somewhat of the melodramatic. Enthusiasm for the cause he has espoused must have led him to see facts in the light he sees them. That the speculator in property does exist is admitted; but his power as a dictator of rent has as much reality as the Manchu dragon. If, as is suggested, a speculator could raise rents whenever he feels inclined, the question to be answered would be—how and why has he this power? Surely, any attempt at an answer would at once recall the old matter of supply and demand, which your correspondent seems so reluctant to accept.

It is also admitted that rent does constitute one of the main items of expenditure in most business concerns; but if a concern should become unprofitable because of the rent it is paying, the advice of the average man would be: take smaller premises. Where the whole of one shop was at one time used make a half or even one small room serve the purpose; and if even then the business should fail to pay, the wise and reasonable proprietor would most certainly conclude that it is not the problem of rent that he has to tackle.

The enjoyment of low rent is not as difficult to attain as some may imagine. Let those tradesmen suffering from abnormal trade depression and harassed by "merciless landlords" put up their shutters in disgust and their desire for a fall in rent will be immediately realised; and the

larger the number of those who decide to close, the greater will be that fall; but it is doubtful whether the supporters of the Rent Problem Committee would relish a reduction on such lines, although the result of such an experiment would conclusively prove that the matter of supply and demand is more important than they choose to admit.

The plea of now regarding voluntary reduction of rents by landlords in Tokyo is interesting; but does it follow that the landlords of Hongkong should do likewise? Supposing someone else produced a piece of news to the effect that the landlords of Timbuctoo are raising their rents for mud huts, what are the landlords of Hongkong then expected to do?

With regard to the two resolutions passed by the Rent Problem Committee, it is difficult to understand in what manner they are constructive in character. The first is a request to the Government to re-assess all property in Hongkong. The members of that Committee are without doubt well-informed people and must be cognisant of the fact that such a fresh re-assessment is made every year and it is the duty of the Government Assessor and his staff to see that no evasion of rates in the manner indicated by your correspondent is possible. The second resolution, also a request to the Government, touches the matter of notice to quit. One month's notice has been held too short for most merchants to find premises and longer notice is desired. The obvious solution to this difficulty is for a tenant to make a lease with his landlord, in which case he not only gets security of tenure but has ample time if he wishes to look around for more suitable quarters. It must be remembered that the matter of notice operates both ways and if a month's notice for a tenancy from month to month is too short, it is not easy to decide what period is fair.

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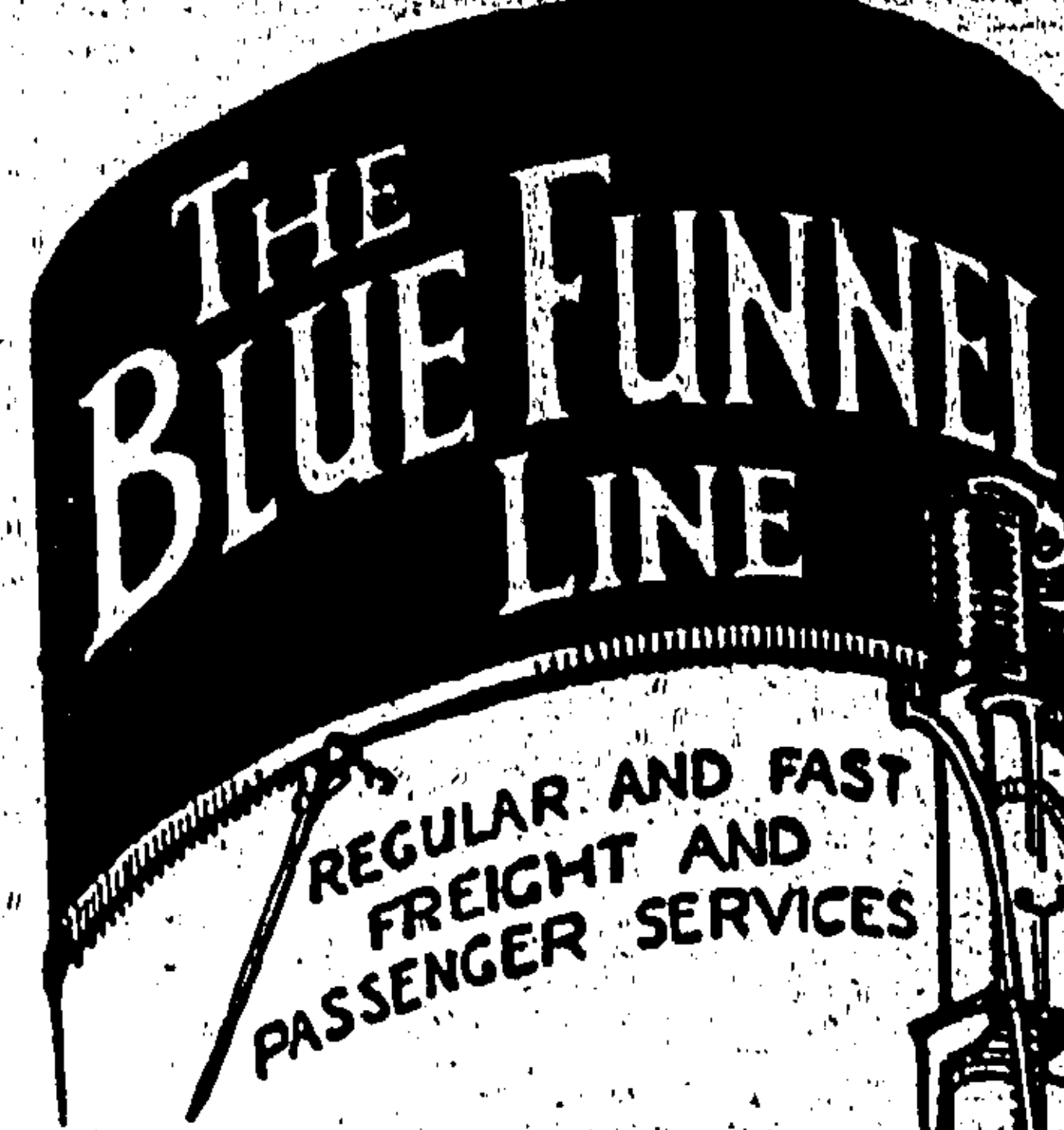
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TERRIBLE WEATHER AT HOME.

LIFEBOAT TOSSED ABOUT FOR
HOURS IN CHANNEL.

London, Dec. 9.

For the fourth day the gale has raged as wildly as ever over Western Europe, and the Air Ministry, in its weather forecast predicts more stormy weather.

It has been possible, however, to resume the cross-Channel services although the passages have been extremely rough. The port of Folkestone is still closed and the Channel Islands have been isolated from the sea since Thursday last.

On the west coast lifeboats have been most busy. The Torbay crew was out for 26 hours on end, and the Padstow and Clovelly lifeboats were out all night trying to help the distressed vessel, the s.s. Britannic. The Captain of the Clovelly lifeboat, with 25 years' service, said it was his worst experience. They were tossed about in the Channel for five hours before reaching the station.

There have been seven deaths ashore owing to falling trees and chimneys. Two men from the destroyer Walpole were washed overboard and drowned.—*Reuter*.

Dry Dock Sinks.

Amsterdam, Dec. 9.

An 11,000-ton dry dock, which was being conveyed by tugs from Hamburg to Rotterdam, was caught by the tempest near the Isle of Texel and broken in two.—*Reuter*.

Tragedies at Brest.

Brest, Dec. 9.

Two seaplanes capsized on the roadstead, one man being drowned. The Italian cargo boat Chieri, of 5,344 tons, has sunk. The crew took refuge on rafts, but only six were saved.—*Reuter*.

Conditions on Fifth Day.

London, Dec. 9.

Squally westerly winds and pouring rain ushered in the fifth day of the storm.

The first boat to resume the cross-Channel service, for three days, the Maid of Orleans, left Folkestone this morning in the teeth of a sixty-mile an hour gale.

Services have been resumed from Dover.—*Reuter*.

Liners' Experience.

London, Dec. 9.

The week-end weather exceeded in violence any experienced in England since accurate wind speed records have been kept. Official forecasts indicate a likelihood of further gales in the South, with generally wet weather.

Over thirty large steamers, most of them with two anchors down, have been sheltering off Deal, and numerous casualties have occurred to shipping. Lifeboats round the coast have been continuously engaged, and their crews have displayed the utmost heroism in struggles with mountainous seas. Some of older members of the crews, although exhausted by their ordeals, have refused to consider a suggestion that volunteers, plenty of whom were available, should take their places in the lifeboats. They are responsible for the saving of numerous lives near the week-end.

The British Royal Mail liner Arlanza, bound for Brazil, rescued

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The gross receipts of the St. Vincent de Paul bazaar amounted to over \$8,500. The Committee desires to thank Mr. Meredith of the Hongkong Bank for allowing this to be taken into the Bank at midnight.

The Bazaar Committee acknowledges with thanks the following gifts to the bazaar: Italian Convent, fancy articles; Fung Keong Rubber Co., 100 pairs rubber shoes; Sun and Co., various articles; Wing On and Co., various articles; French Convent, fancy articles; Orient Tobacco Manufactory, cigars; British American Tobacco Co., cigarettes; C. Chan and Co., cigarettes; Nanyang Bros. Tobacco Co., cigarettes; Kwong Sang Hong, toilet articles; H. Ruttenberg and Son, 1 case port wine; St. Francis Convent, fancy articles; Mrs. S. M. Lopes, fancy articles; Madame Leiria, fancy articles; Edward Dispensary, toilet articles; J. Y. San and Co., confectionery; Lyden Bros., sundry articles; Blue Bird Cafe, confectionery; Mrs. A. V. Barros, fancy articles; John D. Hutchison and Co., Cadbury's chocolates; The Sun Co. Ltd., toys; The Pharmacy, assorted articles; Mrs. J. A. d'Almeida, fancy articles.

Guessing Competition.

The correct weight for the guessing competition was goose, 12 lbs 15 oz. Ham, 10 lbs. Weighed before Chev. J. M. Alves and Mr. Bradbury.

The crew of the five thousand ton Italian steamer Casmona in the Bay of Biscay, and the German steamship Hansa took off the Casmona's captain. The Arlanza lost a boat during the rescue operations, but no casualties occurred. The Casmona was abandoned in a sinking condition.

Two naval seamen were washed overboard and drowned while the destroyer Walpole was proceeding yesterday from Portsmouth to Chatham.

The White Star liner Homeric, arriving at Southampton from New York yesterday, twenty hours late, reported experiencing one of the roughest crossings she had had. Windows were broken on the promenade deck, sixty feet above the waterline, by the terrific waves.

The steamer Britannic, of 2,500 tons, is in difficulties off the Pembrokehead coast and although a trawler and tugs are standing by, the steamer cannot get a man on to the forecable to make fast because of the wind and sea.

On land, several people have been killed by falling trees and chimneys, and heavy rains have caused a further extension of the floods, particularly in the Thames valley.—*British Wireless*.

Royal Train Late.

London, Dec. 9.

For the first time in history a Royal train arrived in London late. People waiting for over an hour in pouring rain cheered their Majesties, whose journey from Sandringham was delayed by a headwind and floods. They were accompanied by their Danish Majesties, who had spent the week-end at Sandringham together with their Norwegian Majesties.

The Court will return to Sandringham for Christmas.—*Reuter*.

SEND-OFF FOR MACAO GOVERNOR.

PRETTY CEREMONY ON
BOARD S.S. SUI TAI.

Entertained at Mountain Lodge, as the guests of Sir Cecil and Lady Clement, since their arrival last Thursday on their return from Lisbon to Macao, H. P. Senhor Barbosa, Governor of Macao, and Madame Tamagnini left Hongkong for Macao on Sunday morning by the s.s. Sui Tai. Capt. Liley, who had his cabin especially appointed for the use of the Governor and Mrs. Tamagnini during the voyage, dressed ship in honour of the distinguished guests.

On board the Sui Tai to bid "good-bye" to their Excellencies, were Senhor A. Correira, d'Albuquerque, a Castro, Consul-General for Portugal, and Mrs. Albuquerque, a deputation from the Club Lusitano, represented by the President (the Hon. Mr. J. P. Braga), Mr. M. A. Simoes (Hon. Secretary), and Mr. A. F. B. Silva-Netto, Mr. Leo d'Almeida e Castro, Jr. (President, Club de Recreio), Mr. Jannano A. Almeida (President, Liga Portuguesa), Mr. and Mrs. P. M. N. da Silva, Mrs. Zanetti and Mrs. Santa Clara Ferreira.

Accompanied by Capt. Sillitoe, A.D.C. Senhor and Mrs. Tamagnini arrived shortly before 9 a.m. and were received on board by Capt. Liley, Master of the Sui Tai, and Mr. A. F. B. Silva, Macao agent of the Hongkong, Canton and Macao Steamship Co. Ltd.

In the saloon of the Sui Tai a pleasing ceremony took place when, on behalf of the members of the Club Lusitano, the Hon. Mr. J. P. Braga presented Mrs. Tamagnini with a basket of pink roses and maiden hair ferns and wished Mrs. Tamagnini and her Excellency "bon voyage." In accepting the basket, Mrs. Tamagnini asked the President of the Club to convey to its members her appreciation of the pretty flowers and her best wishes for the Club.

The Portuguese gunboat Macao led the way through the southern fairway for the Sui Tai a quarter of an hour before the latter cast off her moorings, and, with waving of hats, friends on the Wing Lok Pier of the Steamship Co. wished a pleasant passage to our visitors.

A Correction.

In connexion with the reception at the Club Lusitano on Thursday, we are asked to state that there occurred a slight error in the interpretation of Senhor Barbosa's reply speech. What His Excellency actually said was that Senhor Correira da Silva, a former Governor of Macao, initiated the movement in aid of the grant for the Club Lusitano, and the Club was fortunate to find in the present Minister for the Colonies, H. P. Senhor Eduardo Marques, a gentleman who also had been Governor of Macao, and therefore acquainted with the Club's history and conversant with its needs. It was to Senhor Eduardo Marques that the Club had to thank for the granting of its petition and not him (Senhor Barbosa).

We understand Senhor Correira da Silva is at present in Angora.

LETTER GOLF SOLUTION.

Here is the solution to the puzzle on another page.

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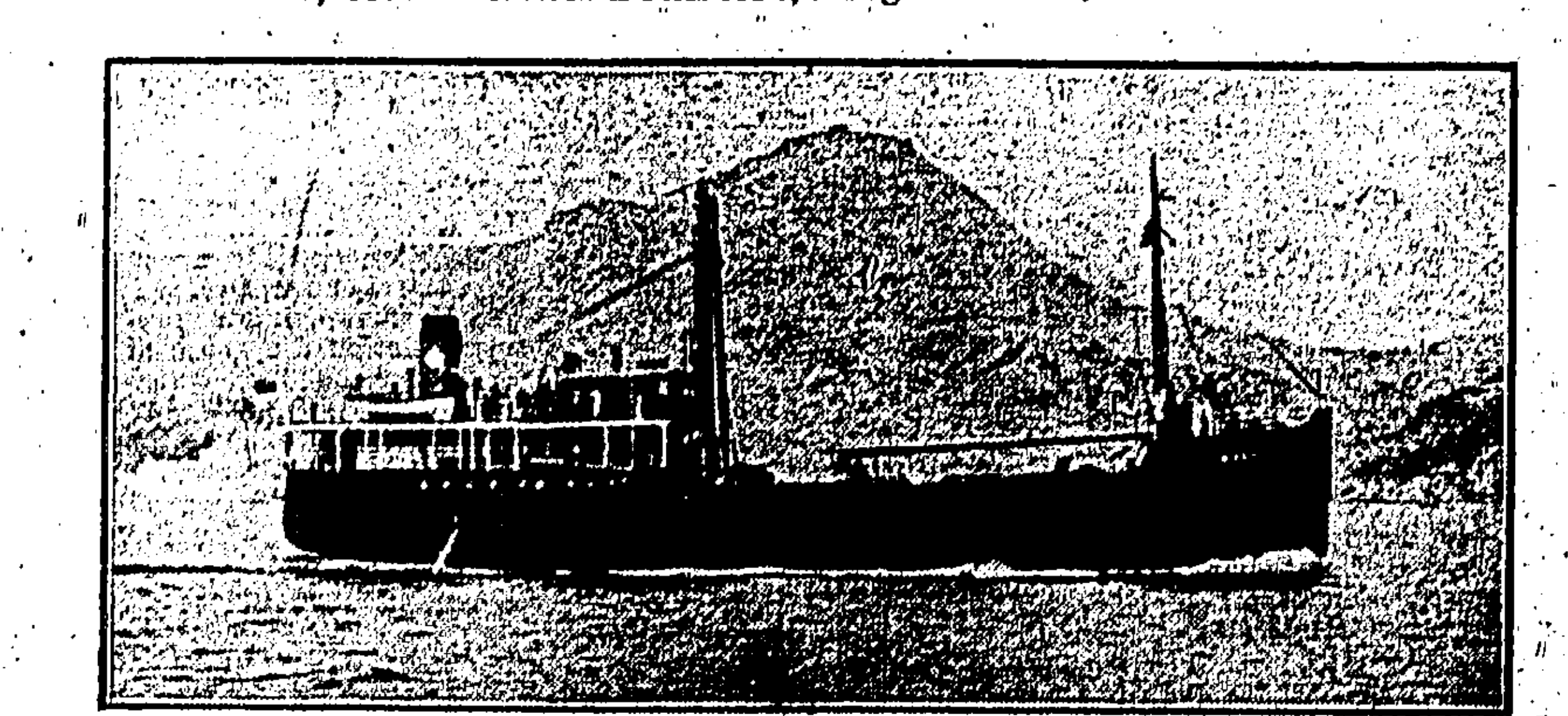
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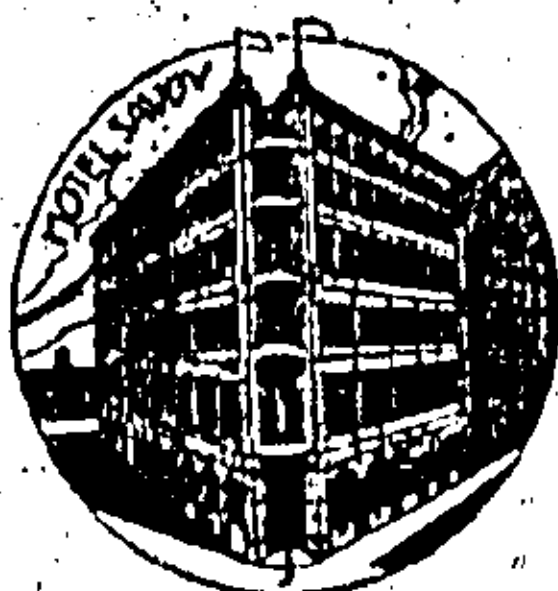
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SNUB FROM MOSCOW.

London, Dec. 9.

When invited to make a statement regarding the recent representations to the Chinese and Soviet Governments calling attention to their position under the Kellogg Pact, in relation to the situation in Manchuria, Mr. Arthur Henderson said the Chinese and Soviet authorities were now hurrying on negotiations and he did not, at present, advise, contemplate taking any further steps.

He had no knowledge of the attitude of the other Powers in this respect. There had been no recrudescence of military activity.

He stated that he had received the text of the Chinese Government's Reply to the British Note and a telegraphic summary of the Soviet Reply.

Mr. Henderson admitted that the Soviet Reply described the representation made to them as unjustifiable interference and as an unfriendly act on the part of the British Government, but he did not answer a Conservative member's question as to whether that was the sort of reply to be expected from a friendly nation. *Reuter and British Wireless.*

DEATH OF CAPTAIN
A. H. WALKER.

WELL-KNOWN ON CHINA
COAST.

The death took place at the French Hospital yesterday of Captain Arthur Herbert Walker, at the age of 57 years. For many years he was in the service of Messrs. Butterfield and Swire, during which he commanded in succession several of their vessels.

Captain Walker retired some years ago and went home, but after some time in England decided to come back to the Far East. He arrived in Hongkong only two months ago with his wife, the widow of the late Mr. G. W. Avenall.

Captain Walker was admitted to the French Hospital some days ago, and from which he developed, from which he died. It is understood that he leaves two sons in England and a daughter in Tientsin. Well-known among China Coast Officers, his death will be mourned by many friends and much sympathy will be extended to Mrs. Walker.

The funeral passes the Monument at 5 p.m. to-day.

THE RAGING GALE
PERSISTS.

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to some sandbanks. The tug towed her to London.

Three steamers have been stranded at the mouth of the Elbe and are likely to prove total wrecks.

The tug "Iroise" from Brest, towed a day and a night the water-logged and helpless Danish freighter "Helen," which was badly battered on leaving Ushant.

The effort to save the ship proved unavailing. The vessel sank when nearing safety, and the Iroise saved her crew, who jumped into the sea. The only man missing is one of the Helen's officers.

The "Iroise" then responded to the S.O.S. of the Spanish steamer "Galdana" and towed her in. Immediately afterwards, she went to sea again on receipt of three S.O.S. calls from two British and one Italian steamers.—*Reuter.*

TEA CO-OPERATION.

TEN PER CENT. CUT BY DUTCH
AND BRITISH.

Amsterdam, Dec. 9.

A meeting of the Netherlands tea-growers to-day decided to co-operate with the British-Indian growers for the reduction of production by ten per cent.—*Reuter.*

COUNT DE MARTEL.

JAPAN APPROVES FRENCH
APPOINTMENT.

Tokyo, Dec. 9.

Japan has approved the appointment of Count D. de Martel, the French Minister to China, as Ambassador to Japan.—*Reuter.*

NANKING FACING A CRISIS.

(Continued from Page 1.)

Overtime in Hongkong.

ed their civilian staffs. Martial law was proclaimed. Measures were at once taken for the despatch of British naval reinforcements and preparations were made for the withdrawal, in case of need, of the foreign women and children.

Critical Situation.

A critical situation had since developed owing to the revolt of troops stationed on the Shanghai-Nanking Railway, about midway between the two cities.

In view of these developments, the British Consul-General at Nanking had been instructed that in the event of danger, he should at once order the withdrawal of the women and children.

There were, at present, two British warships at Nanking, and H.M.S. Suffolk was due there to-day and another cruiser, H.M.S. Berwick to-morrow.

Regarding the position at Shanghai he said he had no information that martial law had been declared.

There were at present three British warships there, and a flotilla leader and two destroyers were on their way from Hongkong.

All refitting in the Hongkong Dockyard was being expedited and overtime was being worked.

Arrangements were in hand (as stated in the Telegraph yesterday) for the transfer of one battalion from Hongkong to Shanghai should the situation demand it.

Mr. Henderson added that he had no information that British property had been interfered with or endangered elsewhere, except perhaps at Ichang.

A small body of rebels approached that place and preparations were made to evacuate the foreigners in case of need.

The latest reports showed that the defence of Ichang had received reinforcements, and after continuous fighting the rebels had been repulsed. No immediate trouble is foreseen there, but as a precaution the women and children either remained aloft or concentrated on the river-front last night.—*British Wireless and Reuter.*

Chiang's Determination.

Nanking, Dec. 8.

Addressing pressmen to-day, President Chiang Kai-shek admitted Shih Yu-san's mutiny and Tang Seng-chi's rebellion, which were unexpected, as he had treated both generously.

The crisis, he said, was a step which the Revolution must undergo to achieve success.

Being entrusted with the responsibility of maintaining peace and order, he will fight to his dying breath; as long as there is one loyal soldier left, he will fight to exterminate the rebels.

If there is any other person able to preserve peace and to complete the work of the Revolution, President Chiang is willing to sacrifice personal interests, but for him to retire now, would only play into the hands of the reactionaries, Communists and Peking military, who would plunge the country into greater confusion and disaster.

The Government, he went on, has the military situation well in hand. Officers and soldiers at the front and the responsible local authorities do not support the rebels. The nation should support the Government and should not listen to rumours.

As soon as peace and unity are attained, he will see that party affairs and national politics are fundamentally re-adjusted. The President asks the country to be patient—to endure suffering a little longer. The Government will persevere until all rebellions are suppressed.—*Canton News Agency.*

Women Reach Shanghai.

Shanghai, Dec. 9.

Seventy-five British and American women and children who were removed from Nanking last night arrived at Shanghai this afternoon. Another batch are due from Nanking to-morrow.

It is understood that Tang Seng-chi's troops have entered Sinyang-chow and are continuing to advance on Hankow without opposition.

The loyalty of the Chinese volunteers in the Chinese territory around Shanghai is doubtful, and their commander has been removed from his post.—*Reuter.*

Chiang Denounced.

Peking, Dec. 9.

It is stated that Yen Hui-shan will shortly issue a statement regarding the situation. It is understood he does not approve of Tang Seng-chi's preparations for war against Nanking, preferring a national conference for settling the present difficulties.

The local vernacular papers to-day print the text of what is claimed to be a circular telegram by Wang Chingwei. It is a violent denunciation of Chiang Kai-shek.—*Reuter.*

CONGRESS DEBATE ON HAITI.

U.S. SHOULD PRACTICE WHAT SHE PREACHES.

THE DEMOCRATS' PLEA.

Washington, Dec. 9.

Congress to-day discussed the troubles in Haiti, where serious rioting has occurred, necessitating the declaration of martial law.

The Republican speakers commended the Government's policy, on the ground that occupation gave the Haitians a chance.

The Democrats, on the contrary, criticised the Hoover Administration's policy, maintaining that America should practice what she preaches and clear out of countries which no longer belong to her.

To-day's news from Haiti is that complete quiet prevails throughout the little Republic. The arrival of fifty United States marines at Jaumel and the impending arrival of hundreds more has dispelled the possibility of further disorders.

Latin-American circles declare that Haiti is seething with discontent against the American occupation. The country is an armed camp, the National Palaces and Government offices being guarded by United States marines with bayonets and machine-guns.—*Reuter's American Service.*

MARINE SURVEYOR
IN MOTOR SMASH.

COLLISION ON DANGEROUS
CORNER.

Capt. W. Russell, the Government Marine Surveyor, was involved in a motor-accident, shortly after nine o'clock this morning.

With Mr. K. S. Robertson, who was driving Captain Russell's private car, No. 315, Captain Russell was proceeding to town along Bonham Road, when, around a bend at the junction of Parke Road they collided with a Chinese-owned private car, which had come down the slope of Parke Road. No-one was hurt, but of the two vehicles concerned in the accident, Captain Russell's, it would appear, suffered the most damage, a front mud-guard being damaged and the front axle bent. One of the headlights was also smashed. The total extent of the damage is assessed by Captain Russell at a hundred dollars.

HAICHING PIRACY
SEQUEL.

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statements from them until yesterday.

Mr. Perdue's Injury.

In reply to a question as to how Mr. C. G. Perdue, A.S.P., who was accidentally shot in the foot, was progressing, the C.S.P. said that he was making a satisfactory recovery. It was extremely fortunate that the bullet, which was of .44 calibre, did not strike the ankle bone, as it must have splintered his foot. Apparently the bullet struck the steel deck and then ricocheted on to Mr. Perdue's foot, entering just below the ankle bone, and making an almost complete circuit before lodging in the flesh. The bullet pierced Mr. Perdue's shoe and left a jagged hole, whilst it also splintered several small bones in the foot.

The Criminal Intelligence Officer will probably be confined to the hospital for a month, as recovery from such a wound is of necessity rather tedious.

DR. JOHNSON'S HOUSE.

HISTORIC PLACE PRESENTED
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London, Dec. 9.

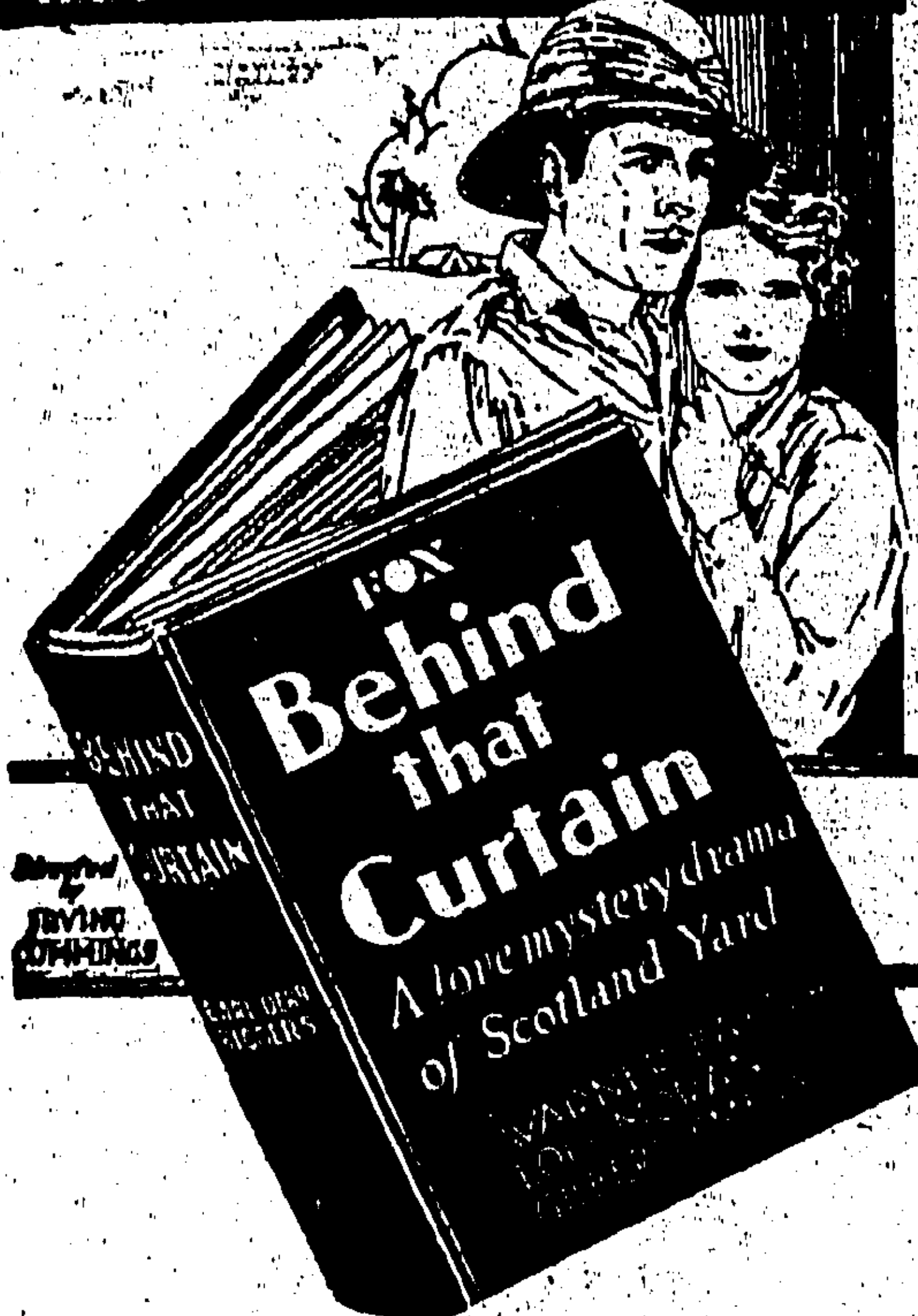
Mr. Cecil Harmsworth has presented to the nation the house at 17, Gough Square, London, which Dr. Johnson occupied from 1748 to 1769, and in which he compiled the greater part of his Dictionary.—*British Wireless.*

WEATHER REPORT.

The Royal Observatory reports that the anticyclone is now central over N. Japan. The typhoon is moving W.S.W. about 60 miles South of St. James from which station a gale of force 10 is reported. Moderate monsoon may be expected along the S.E. coast of China and over the N. China Sea. The forecast till noon to-morrow is—N.E. winds, moderate; fine generally.

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